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LRT moves forward



The City of Ottawa released renderings Tuesday of some of the planned LRT stations, including this one of Pimisi Station. Mayor Jim Watson says three different underground stations will be integrated into downtown buildings to free up sidewalk space. Story, metroNEWS. CONTRIBUTED

Organized crime hard to pin down

Public Safety report points to challenges in defining term



Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

It's tricky for police to put a finger on organized crime — and that makes it hard to tell how big a problem it is in Canada.

That's one of the key findings of a recent report done for the federal Public Safety Department.

Metro obtained a copy of the

March 2015 document under the Access to Information Act.

The report's authors only looked at crimes in the Montreal area between 2005 and 2009. They put each crime into one of seven categories — including violent crimes, drug crimes and frauds — and then interviewed Quebec police officers to find out what kind of resources they drew upon to respond to them.

The authors of the Public Safety report also spoke with law enforcement officers in British Columbia to get a better sense of the strain that investigating organized crime puts on police resources.

So what did they find?

The report says 2,608 of the 11,417 crimes that took place in Montreal between 2005 and 2009 involving at least two people may have been related to organized crime.

It also sketched a rough outline of the kind of people who tend to be involved in organized crime in Quebec. They're usually men, younger than other criminals and more likely to be big players in the criminal scene.

Police in Quebec and British Columbia cited manpower and overtime as two of the biggest reasons why it costs them more to investigate organized crime than other types of offences.

The report says there is a “sci-

entific void” in the understanding of organized crime in Canada — a finding that doesn't surprise University of Ottawa criminology professor Ronald Melchers.

“It is far too broad. Organized crime can be so many different things. Organized crime as category is not a very useful category,” said Melchers, who studies organized crime in Canada.

“There's a Criminal Code definition which means to me anything committed by more than one person is organized, which is not very helpful at all.”

Melchers wrote two reports in the past decade that looked at why certain sections of the economy — such as ports and

the construction industry — have become more vulnerable to organized crime.

This type of research is important to police and lawmakers because it's tricky to go after organized crime if they don't know who's behind it.

“The main challenge facing legislators who seek to circumvent organized crime concerns the definition of organized crime and the fact that it has never been defined in a uniform manner,” says the report.

“The main reason for this lies in the fact that organized crime is not a crime in itself. It is a way of doing crime, much like pro-



fessional or violent ways of doing crime. Thus, legislative attempts to define organized crime have been centred primarily on the composition of groups, gangs or organizations that are perceived to be the typical or common denominator within this more complex process.”

Public Safety has yet to respond to a request for comment.



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Church can't park plans: Panel

NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL

Meter's ticking on archdiocese developing the land, city says



Lucy Scholey
Metro|Ottawa

A historic cathedral in the ByWard Market will keep its temporary parking lot for another three years, but church officials must finally put development plans in drive, urged a city planning committee on Tuesday.

A 57-space commercial parking lot at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica is helping the church raise funds to redevelop the land. But, 12 years after church officials demolished two heritage buildings and laid down the asphalt, the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Ottawa is asking for another three-year temporary parking permit at 385 Sussex Dr.

From the get-go, the group said it would likely need to reapply for temporary parking more than once to raise enough money. This marks the fourth time.

"I'm not going to mislead you. The church is not going to mislead you," Peter Vice, the lawyer representing Notre Dame, told the planning committee on Tuesday. "(The development) will not happen in the short term."



Despite city policies to the contrary, an Ottawa planning committee approved a temporary parking lot for the Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica on Tuesday. The 57-space lot helps the church raise funds to redevelop the land. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

City planner Michael Mizzi said the church lot generates about \$500,000 in revenue every year for the church.

According to a city report, current planning policies for the ByWard Market area "discourage" temporary parking spaces, and the city will only approve permanent lots if they are garages.

So re-issuing the temporary permit every three years

"sends the wrong message" to the ByWard Market, according to several councillors, including River Ward representative Riley Brockington.

However, he said a vote against the parking lot would remove a revenue stream for the church.

"I'm damned if I vote in favour of this and I'm damned if I vote against it," he said, pun likely not intended.

Rideau-Rockcliffe Coun. Tobi Nussbaum agreed but said he would vote against the temporary parking space in three years if the church returns without any development designs for the lot.

Vice said the church has been discussing the site with developers.

The Lowertown Community Association also disagrees with the temporary lot.

"We're not trying to punish the church. We're not suggesting drop the parking immediately. We're simply urging you to push this just a little bit harder," said the association's Robert Tritt.

Church officials argue the lot provides additional parking for the ByWard Market area, but they will not build a permanent garage because that would thwart any future

+ BACKGROUND

Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica parking history

1992 and 1996: Former City of Ottawa grants temporary permits for the 85-space parking lot.

1995: A city report on the ByWard Market area shows a need for parking.

2000: Former City of Ottawa approves permanent 85-car parking lot.

2003: Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Ottawa asks to demolish two heritage buildings on the church site and replace them with a 57-space commercial parking lot to help raise funds for redevelopment. It's appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB).

2005: OMB approves temporary parking lot.

2008 and 2011: Ottawa city council extends temporary lot.

2014: Church submits permanent surface parking lot application, despite city staff's advice that it would not be approved.

2015: Church requests temporary permit instead.

development plans.

An 85-space permanent public parking lot adjacent to the church is separate from this zoning request.

The temporary parking lot will go to council for approval.

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High schooler's b-ball game takes her to NCAA

SPORTS

Ottawa's Kayla Minott scores scholarship to N.Y. university



Haley Ritchie
Metro|Ottawa

This past year was the first that Kayla Minott, a talented basketball player and student at St. Peter's High School, stopped playing ball in Ottawa clubs.

She took the season off from competitive ball, but not from the game.

Instead, her time was spent doing intensive training with her Ottawa coach, Dean Tanasijevic, practising with local teams and playing in tournaments in the U.S.

Her hard work has finally paid off: In September, she's leaving Ottawa and heading to Hofstra University in New York, a first-division school in the NCAA.

With her residence and tuition paid on scholarship, next year will be all about the game.

"I'm excited to get to train, to be with my teammates and my coaches," she said after school on Tuesday. "It'll be a little different — most of my family is in the Ottawa area and I see them every day."

"I'm a little bit nervous to leave the nest, but I think

I'll be OK."

Minott wasn't always sure she wanted to play professionally. Her grandmother convinced her to play in Grade 7 because of her height (Minott now stands six-foot-three), but at first she didn't like the sport.

Now, she said, it's her life. Eventually she'd love to play in the WNBA or go overseas.

"I've already made it this far. As long as my legs will take me, I want to play basketball. It's a huge part of my life and I couldn't see myself not playing it."

Aside from her own hard work, she credits her success to her coaches, her uncle and her mom.

"My mom wasn't born in Canada. When she came here,

she went to school and supported herself and me," she said. "That showed me if I work hard and have a good work ethic, I can basically do anything."

The Grade 12 student said her dedication and her team mindset

is probably what made her stand out to recruiters.

This year was busy — she had to balance training with school, family and friends.

"I'm willing to work for it, not just talk about it," she said. "It definitely has me really, really organized."

Those organization skills will pay off, because the school is both athletically and academically rigorous.

Minott is hoping to major in psychology and she is taking business courses as well.

"As long as my legs will take me, I want to play basketball. It's a huge part of my life and I couldn't see myself not playing it."

Kayla Minott



Ottawa's Kayla Minott, 18, plays in the Deep South Classic basketball tournament held in April in Raleigh, N.C. Minott has scored a scholarship to Hofstra University in New York. CONTRIBUTED

RENOVATION

DND move set for 2016: Kenney

After costly renovation delays, the Department of National Defence will finally move into the old Nortel Networks campus next year.

Defence Minister Jason Kenney confirmed the move in date after his speech at Mayor Jim Watson's breakfast meeting at city hall on Tuesday morning.

In 2010, the federal government purchased the 12 Nortel buildings at 3500 Carling Ave. for \$208 million, with the goal of moving employees by 2015.

But a Treasury Board official later estimated the costs to retrofit the buildings — including new windows, security installation and information technology — would be \$998 million.

A previous engineering report had deemed the buildings to be "very well-maintained" and in "above-average" condition.

The Pentagon-style DND plan was originally pitched as a cost-saving measure and Kenney still touted it as such on Tuesday.

"It's sure a lot cheaper than fixing up some of these 50- and 60-year-old buildings that we're currently operating in," he said, adding it "will be much more efficient to have everyone operating in one place rather than ... run all across town."

At a briefing in December 2013, the plan was to move to the campus by late 2015. Instead, it will happen sometime in the New Year.

In total, 8,500 DND employees — half the department's staff in Ottawa — will move to the site.

Currently, all 17,000 employees are working in 48 different sites across the city.

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TRANSIT

Downtown LRT stations will blend into buildings



Lucy Scholey
Metro|Ottawa

Three planned light-rail transit stations will be off the sidewalks and integrated into buildings in downtown Ottawa, Mayor Jim Watson announced on Tuesday.

The three stations are Lyon, Parliament and Rideau.

The Lyon station's west entrance will be through a future Claridge Homes development where the street meets Queen; the Parliament station will have an entrance in the Sun Life Financial Building; and the Rideau station will have access through the

Rideau Centre, which has been previously reported.

"We're very excited about taking away some of the clutter from the sidewalks and blending them in and integrating them into existing buildings," said Watson.

The mayor noted that commuters will also be able to travel without having to face

the snow and rain.

These latest LRT plans will not derail the train's 2018 launch date, said Watson, and the project will stay within the \$2.1-billion budget.

However, the specifics of the financial agreements made with landowners will remain confidential until the deals are finalized, said

Watson.

"I can tell you that we're very satisfied with the negotiations," Watson said.

"It was a fair deal for the property owners and it's a fair deal for the taxpayers, but, most importantly, it's a great deal for people who are going to use the transit system."

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Tunnelling work for Ottawa's light rail transit system is already about two-thirds complete.

PSAC: Sick leave changes are 'unconstitutional'

GOVERNMENT

Public service union says it is exploring 'all options'



Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

The union representing federal public servants said it is considering its legal options to respond to the Conservative government's attempt to exert more control over sick leave.

Bill C-59 was introduced Thursday in the budget implementation bill and would let the government "set the terms and conditions of employment related to the sick leave of employees."

The Public Service Alliance of Canada, which has pulled out of negotiations this week in protest, signalled the budget bill could be open to a Charter challenge.

"We believe this legislation

is unconstitutional. It infringes our Charter rights and the government is not bargaining in good faith," said Robyn Benson, the union's president. "As such we are exploring all options to challenge their actions."

The union, which represents 170,000 employees across Canada, said if the legislation is passed in Parliament it would be in contravention of the Public Service Labour Relations Act.

"In light of the recent attack by this government against our members, our elected bargaining teams have decided not to engage in the scheduled round of negotiations this week," said Benson.

"This government is obviously acting in bad faith and have decided to bully their way into getting what they want, in complete disregard for the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and existing collective agreements."

Treasury Board president Tony Clement said he intends to continue bargaining for a new collective agreement.



Robyn Benson, president of the Public Service Alliance of Canada, says the union is considering its options over the government's changes to sick leave. COURTESY PSAC

DEFENCE MINISTER

'Misconceptions' over monument



Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

There are "misconceptions" over the size and location of a controversial memorial to remember the victims of communism, says Defence Minister Jason Kenney.

Speaking to reporters after a mayor's breakfast meeting at Ottawa City Hall on Tuesday, Kenney said the National Memorial to Victims of Communism is a "suitable" tribute to those who have

died under dictatorships.

"I'd rather have a park on that lot, with a monument on the back of it as a public space as opposed to yet another downtown office tower," he said, adding that it will be smaller than the National War Memorial and will sit near the Supreme Court building — not in front.

Architect groups and comedian Rick Mercer have spoken up against the location of the memorial, which is intended to commemorate 100 million people who have died under communist regimes.

IN BRIEF

Warrant issued for man who punched, robbed cab driver

Ottawa police have identified and charged a man for the robbery of a taxi driver that took place in March — now all they have to do is find him. Patrick Eadie, 22, has been charged with robbery and a warrant is currently out for his arrest. In an earlier release, police said that around 3 a.m. on March 29, two men

were picked up by a taxi in the ByWard Market. After arriving in their destination at 1375 Prince of Wales, one man exited the taxi.

The other passenger, Eadie, stayed behind. Police allege that he threatened the taxi driver, punched him and stole a "small quantity of cash." He was last seen in the lobby of the building.

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Schools expected to run large deficits

EDUCATION

Extensive cuts needed to help boards balance their books



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Provincial funding changes mean that Ottawa's school boards are struggling to balance the books this year and are expected to run multi-million-dollar deficits.

The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board is expecting a \$12-million deficit in the 2015-16 year. The board's chief financial officer, Michael Carson, said half of that comes from transportation costs, which the province is expected to reimburse.

The remaining \$6 million will be paid for from the board's surplus reserve, which won't last forever. As a result, Carson

said staff were forced to make difficult cost-cutting recommendations.

"The board needs to ... get its expenditures more in line with what the province is providing in terms of funding," he said.

"We focused on reducing operating budget and supply costs to try to ensure that we could reduce the impact on staff. Unfortunately we weren't able to do that entirely."

Total suggested cuts to academic staffing — which includes teachers, coaches and principals — amounts to 30 full-time positions. The board is also hoping to cut down on professional development days to save costs.

Cuts to Learning Support Services are also being put forward, including cutting back available hours for those working as educational assistants, psychologists and social workers.

"It certainly isn't a recommendation we came to easily," said Carson, who expects there will be some concern about the changes from unions and parents.

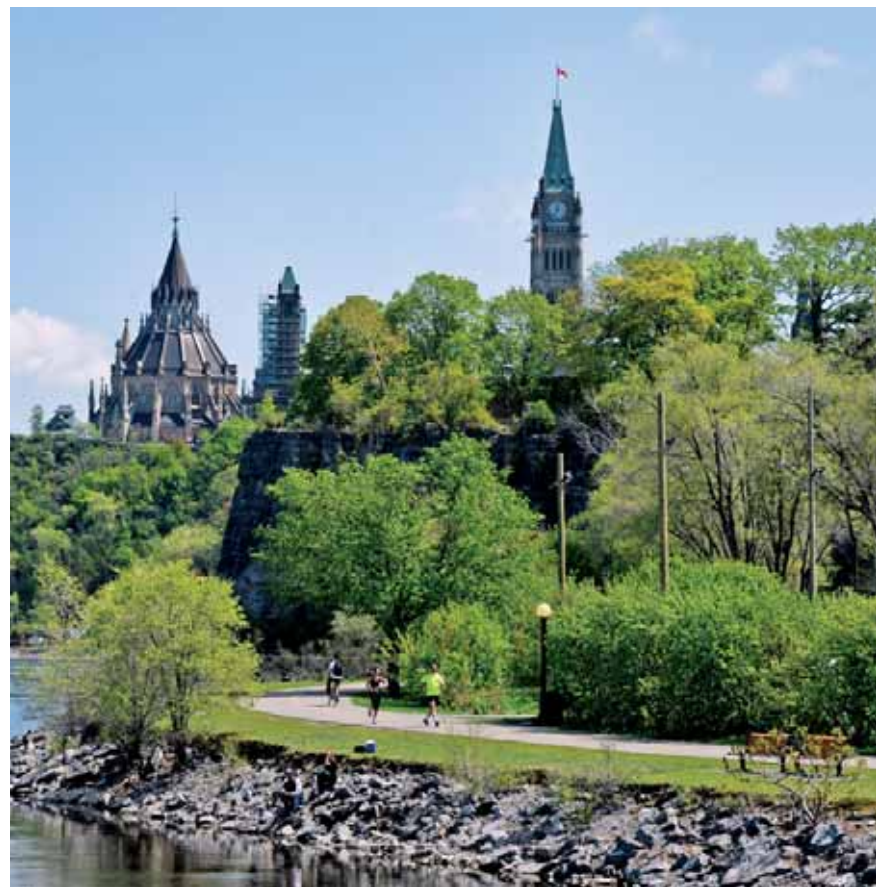
The board is also hoping under-used classrooms can be closed to save money on supplies and custodial staff.

"Even with the room closures, there's no doubt we'll need to look at changing the standard slightly," said Carson. "Nobody is happy about that. But we would not be recommending this if we thought that we couldn't still continue to provide safe and healthy schools for kids."

The Catholic school board is still in early budgeting stage, but is expecting a preliminary deficit of \$3.8 million. More information, including options for balancing the budget, will be discussed at the May 26 board meeting.

The board needs to ... get its expenditures more in line with what the province is providing.

Michael Carson, Ottawa-Carleton school board



WEATHER ENJOYING THE SCENERY People run along the shores of the Ottawa River below Parliament Hill on Tuesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

COURT

Defence questions timing of new charges in terror case



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Metro | Ottawa

Twin Ottawa brothers accused of terrorism offences are facing new charges of uttering threats and intimidation while in jail, but their lawyer is questioning the timing of the charges.

On Monday, one of the twins, Ashton Larmond, filed an application in court describing allegations of inhumane conditions at the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre and asked that a judge review it. Larmond and his twin brother, Carlos, are now accused of uttering threats and intimidating correctional staff and other inmates.

The charges were laid Tuesday, but according to court documents the offences allegedly took place on March 11 and April 7.

The timing of the fresh

charges signals a "transparent effort" on the part of correctional officers to "cover their behinds," according to defence lawyer, Joseph Addelman.

Addelman argued prosecutors are trying to justify the conditions in the jail by laying these charges now.

But Rod Sonley, the federal prosecutor on the case, dismissed the lawyer's arguments outside of court, saying the charges would have come in any event.

"Mr. Addelman can make all the allegations he wishes," said Sonley.

"It's not an astonishing coincidence at all. The charges can be laid at any time."

Ashton is also accused of communicating with Carlos, which he is prohibited from doing.

During his appearance in

court via video link Tuesday, Ashton complained it has been difficult to follow the court order while in cus-

+ BACKGROUND

Twin brothers arrested on charges of terrorism

Ashton and Carlos Larmond, both 24, were arrested in January and charged with terrorism offences.

The charges include participating in the activity of a terrorist group and attempting to leave Canada to participate in terrorist activities overseas. METRO

tody in the same jail as his brother.

"They have us four cells apart," said Ashton.

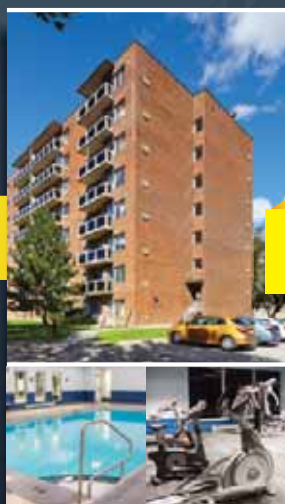
Sonley said he must still respect the court order.

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MLSE, Hydro One condemn controversial 'FHRITP' phrase

Heckler gets fired after row with reporter



Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

Two big names on the Toronto business front earned praise Tuesday as they took action to condemn sexist comments hurled at a TV reporter.

Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment (MLSE) says it will ban those responsible from future sporting events if they can be identified. Hydro One, meanwhile, fired a man after he was pegged as one of the people who supported others yelling "f-k her right in the p-y" as CityNews reporter Shauna Hunt did a broadcast from Sunday's Toronto FC soccer game.

"I'm glad to see companies stepping up and taking this

seriously. It's a change and it's a welcome change," said Todd Minerson, executive director of the White Ribbon Campaign, an organization of men working to end violence against women.

"MLSE is in a position, with its profile, its reputation, its resources, its athletes, to say, 'We're not going to tolerate this.'"

Shouting the vulgar phrase at female reporters has become a trend known as "FHRITP" heckling. It's been playing out in cities across Canada and the United States for more than a year. But little formal action has been taken against hecklers, despite police in various cities saying criminal charges are an option.

Hydro One and Maple Leaf sports didn't mince words on their stance Tuesday.

Shawn Simoes didn't yell the phrase on camera, but during a later interview with the CityNews reporter, told her he thought the practice was "hilarious."

That clip, during which



Respect for all people is engrained in the code and our values.

Daffyd Roderick,
Hydro One spokesman

Simoes makes an incoherent statement to the reporter about a vibrator, has now been watched thousands of times on YouTube.

Simoes' actions violated Hydro One's code of conduct, the public utility said.

"Respect for all people is engrained in the code and our values," spokesman Daffyd Roderick said in statement. "We are committed to a work environment where discrimination or harassment of any type is met with zero tolerance."

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Shauna Hunt of CityNews interviews a Toronto FC soccer fan in Toronto on Sunday. Hunt was the latest woman to be heckled by a group of men shouting sexually explicit comments into her microphone. CITYNEWS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Crown drops two charges in Ghomeshi case

Two sexual-assault charges have been dropped against disgraced former broadcaster Jian Ghomeshi, who was ordered Tuesday to face the remaining five charges of sexual assault and one count of choking in two separate trials.

The former host of CBC Radio's show Q was originally charged with seven counts of sexual assault and one count of overcoming resistance by choking.

Crown prosecutor Mike Callaghan said Tuesday that two sexual-assault charges were being withdrawn because there was no reasonable prospect of conviction.

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Friendly-fire death a case of 'mistaken identity'

The friendly-fire incident in Iraq that killed Sgt. Andrew Doiron was the result of "a tragic case of mistaken identity," exacerbated by fatigue and a breakdown in communication, the Canadian military says.

Doiron was fatally shot March 6 by Kurdish forces as his special-forces unit was returning to an observation post in the darkness.

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ELECTION

Different debate formats expected

Canadians can expect to see multiple federal election debates during this campaign season, likely over the summer and in different formats, as part of a major upheaval in the way the leaders square off in person.

YouTube, live-streaming, multiple moderators — it's all on the table in the run-up to the October vote.

The Conservative Party of Canada appears to be taking the first step in shaking up the debate system, rejecting outright the traditional model of one debate each in French and English, both tightly controlled by the major networks.

The Tories and the NDP have instead said yes to two new debates — one proposed by the French-language network TVA and another hosted in August by Maclean's magazine. And they're willing to do more.

The Liberals, meanwhile, haven't made any commitments, but say that the time has come to create a new independent debate commission to oversee the particulars.

"I'm not saying yes to anything, I'm not saying no to anything, except to say, yes, we're going to do debates,"

+ CRITICISM

Canada's system of organizing debates has been criticized for years, particularly over a perceived lack of accountability within the TV consortium.

The consortium issued a statement Tuesday emphasizing the wide reach of the televised debates during the 2011 campaign — 10 million viewers for the English debate, and four million for the French.

Trudeau said.

"I'm anxious to debate, but we will decide in the coming weeks what they will be."

The Greens and the NDP have also agreed to participate in a debate hosted by an alliance of women's organizations.

Conservative spokesman Kory Teneycke has said his party is willing to participate in up to five debates, and wouldn't necessarily turn down something hosted individually by a consortium member such as CTV, CBC/Radio-Canada or Global. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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NDP unveils foreign aid platform

POLITICS

Party pledges to restore family planning to overseas aid

The NDP would restore funding for abortion and family planning to Canada's keynote development initiative which promotes maternal, newborn and child health.

That pledge came Tuesday in a speech by NDP Leader Tom Mulcair which introduced some foreign policy planks for the Official Opposition.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has made helping newborns and young mothers in the developing world his signature aid priority, committing more than \$6 billion to the initiative between 2010 and 2020.

But the initiative has sparked major criticism — including from the respected medical journal,

The Lancet — because the Conservatives will not allow any money to go towards projects that include abortion.

Mulcair said the NDP would reverse that policy and make funds available for family planning, reproductive and sexual health and access to abortion services. He also repeated a promise to meet the United Nations development spending goal of 0.7 per cent of GDP.

The most recent analysis by the Paris-based Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development said Canada's overall level of aid spending has fallen to its lowest level in more than a decade.

The OECD pegged Canada's 2014 aid spending at 0.24 per cent of GDP, well below the UN target. In 2010-11, Canadian foreign aid stood at 0.34 per cent of GDP. The United Kingdom, by comparison, has hit the 0.7 per cent target two years in a row.

Canada has never reached the goal, coming closest in the mid-1970s under the Pierre Trudeau Liberals when the level reached above 0.5 per cent of GDP.

Stephen Brown, a University of Ottawa aid expert, said that to reach the 0.7 per cent of GDP target, aid spending would have to rise to \$13.9 billion a year.

Brown said such an increase is possible.

"The U.K.'s Conservative-led coalition reached that level last year, despite a fiscal situation far worse than Canada's."

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PARLIAMENT

Veteran benefits in omnibus budget bill

The Harper government has stuffed proposed improvements to veterans benefits into the omnibus budget bill, saying it needs to make sure it passes before the next election.

But the move could also silence opposition critics.

It's an unusual tactic, since Veteran Affairs Minister Erin O'Toole had already introduced separate legislation — Bill C-58 — to enact the changes, which include a new retirement benefit

for severely disabled soldiers, a separate \$70,000 injury award and a proposed \$7,238 caregivers benefit, among other things.

O'Toole told the House of Commons veterans committee that he doesn't trust the opposition to pass the bill before Parliament adjourns — likely next month, with an election scheduled for October.

He pointed to an NDP motion, debated on Monday, which called on the government to recognize

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NDP veterans critic Peter Stoffer said the effect of putting the improvements into the budget bill is that veterans groups won't have a chance to comment before Parliament.

its social obligation to veterans, as well as recent statements that

the changes don't go far enough.

"It's clear you wanted to delay, and I won't allow a delay to happen when I've made a commitment to veterans," O'Toole said in an answer to a question by NDP veterans critic Peter Stoffer.

The bill was introduced in late March, but has yet to be brought before a Commons committee for detailed study, said Stoffer, who noted that his party likes the legislation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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“The only thing preventing the Canadian government from reaching the 0.7 target is the lack of political will.”

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ROB FORD

Toronto's ex-mayor faces long recovery

Rob Ford faces months of recovery following successful surgery at a Toronto hospital to remove a cancerous tumour from his abdomen.

The former Toronto mayor was under anaesthesia for about 10 hours on Monday, but was conscious and was visited by his family once the surgery was complete.

Ford's chief of staff, Dan Jacobs, says doctors performing the operation found no new growths and were able to remove all existing growths.

Jacobs says Ford, now a city councillor, is in "some pain," and doctors have told him he will need to "take it especially easy" for up to three months.

Ford's surgery followed several rounds of chemotherapy and radiation which he said had reduced his tumour to an operable size.

Ford abandoned his mayoral re-election bid last September then won a council seat instead after doctors discovered his rare, aggressive malignant liposarcoma. THE CANADIAN PRESS

10 hours

The length of time that former Toronto mayor Rob Ford spent under anaesthesia.

PRISON

Inmates challenge discipline rules

Three inmates are hoping to put on trial the way British Columbia's jails hand out discipline.

Travis Kelly, Christopher Trotchie and Travis Bara, with the help of the West Coast Prison Justice Society, have launched a B.C. Supreme Court lawsuit that alleges the current disciplinary system in provincial jails is unconstitutional.

They say staff presiding over hearings presume guilt and rely on a standard of proof that is less onerous than what's required in criminal court.

The plaintiffs claim conviction rates for jail infractions

can be as high as 94 per cent and more than half of the inmates win their appeals, but only after they have served significant time in segregation.

The plaintiffs want sections of the provincial law ruled unconstitutional, and the appointment of independent, unbiased adjudicators who will require proof "beyond a reasonable doubt," at disciplinary hearings.

The allegations have yet to be tested in court, and the Ministry of Justice says it will review the notice of claim and respond once it receives the document.

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94%

The conviction rate for jail infractions. Inmates win appeals in more than half such cases, but only after serving significant time in segregation.



RICHMOND, B.C. FISHING BOAT CAPSIZES Canadian Coast Guard environmental response specialist Randy Farrell pulls a boom from the south arm of the Fraser River after a retired 31-metre fishing boat sank and leaked oil and a small amount of fuel in Richmond, B.C., Tuesday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Suspect expressed radical views: RCMP

TORONTO

Pakistani man faces deportation

A Pakistani man accused of plotting terror attacks on Toronto's financial district and the U.S. consulate espoused extremist views and repeatedly expressed sympathy for al-Qaida and the Islamic State, an undercover RCMP officer testified Tuesday.

In fact, the officer said, Jahanzeb Malik told him his own family had rejected him

because of his beliefs.

"He said it several times: that believers are ready to die for Islam," the officer said.

"He said his family had disowned him, that his brother called him a terrorist."

The agent, who cannot be identified under an extensive publication ban, described posing as a Bosnian war veteran. He said he contacted Malik in September 2014 about renovating the flooring of his house.

Malik, a flooring contractor, quickly came to trust the officer. In conversations, he told the officer he had received training in weapons and ex-

“He said his family had disowned him, that his brother called him a terrorist.”

Undercover RCMP officer

plosives during two years he spent in Libya before returning to Canada in 2013, the officer testified.

"He said he went to Libya to kill or be killed," the officer said.

Earlier in the day, Malik, 34,

had testified spending only two months in Libya — in Benghazi — two years ago. He said he had gone there to teach English as a second language.

"It was a job opportunity," he said. "I went there, you know, to make some money."

The federal government, which also accuses Malik of trying to recruit and radicalize others to help commit terrorist acts, wants to deport him.

The case before the Immigration and Refugee Board is largely based on evidence gathered by the undercover RCMP officer, who said Malik came to call him his "student."

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LEGISLATION

Deporting criminals to be streamlined

The federal government has introduced new legislation to speed up the process of removing foreign nationals who have committed serious crimes in Canada.

Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Steven Blaney said the Removal of Serious Foreign Criminals Act was tabled in the House of Commons Tuesday.

"What we are saying is if you are committing a crime in Canada and you are a foreign criminal, you are ineligible to stay in this country and you

should go back home," Blaney said at a news conference in Toronto.

The proposed legislation would allow the mandatory transfer of foreign criminals back to their original countries without their consent — the only consent needed being from the home country, Blaney said.

He said the pardon process will also be changed, saying there have been cases in which foreign nationals who have committed serious crimes have received pardons and been al-

lowed to remain in the country.

"We can never allow that to happen again," Blaney said.

And, Blaney added, refugees who are deemed a danger to the Canadian public would have their protected person status revoked when they are removed from the country.

"This will ensure that they cannot attempt to re-enter Canada with that status and cannot access the rights and benefits accorded that status," Blaney said.

Blaney said part of the proposed legislation will be to give

more power to government officials to "issue removal orders to permanent residents who are inadmissible due to criminal activity."

Lorne Waldman, an immigration lawyer in Toronto, has "significant concerns" about the government's new bill.

"The problem with all of this is how efficient will the safeguards be that will be put in place to ensure that the deportation doesn't lead to a serious violation of human rights?" Waldman said.

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MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA

Nations refuse refuge to Rohingya people

Abandoned at sea, thousands of Bangladeshis and members of Myanmar's long-persecuted Rohingya Muslim minority appeared Tuesday to have no place to go after two Southeast Asian nations refused to offer refuge to boatloads of hungry men, women and children.

Smugglers have fled wooden trawlers in recent days amid fear of a massive regional crack-down on human trafficking syndicates, leaving migrants to fend for themselves.

The United Nations pleaded for countries in the region to keep their borders open and help rescue those stranded.

"We won't let any foreign boats come in," Tan Kok Kwee, first admiral of Malaysia's maritime enforcement agency said Tuesday.

Unless they're unseaworthy

and sinking, he said, the navy will provide "provisions and send them away."

Hours earlier, Indonesia pushed back a boat packed with hundreds of Rohingya and Bangladeshis, saying they were given food, water and directions to Malaysia — their original destination.

Southeast Asia is in the grips of a spiraling humanitarian crisis, with around 1,600 migrants landing on the shores of the two Muslim-majority countries that over the years have shown the most sympathy for the Rohingya's plight. With thousands more believed to be in the busy Malacca Strait and nearby waters — some stranded for more than two months — activists believe many more boats will try to make land in coming days and weeks.

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UNITED NATIONS

EU seeks approval to hunt human smugglers

The European Union is seeking a UN Security Council resolution within days to let its members hunt down human traffickers in the Mediterranean and destroy their boats, a senior EU official said Tuesday.

EU foreign ministers hope to have a UN resolution by their May 18 meeting "to ensure that we can have coercive action toward the smugglers" who have helped bring more than 10,000 migrants to European shores in unseaworthy boats in recent weeks, said the official, who has close knowledge of the operation but is not permitted to speak publicly about it.

More than 170,000 illegal

border crossings were recorded through the Mediterranean last year, mostly Syrians and Eritreans leaving via Libya. Around 1,700 migrants are feared to have died in recent weeks even before the high season for sea migration begins in June.

The controversial operation is part of a broader EU migration agenda to be unveiled Wednesday by the EU's executive Commission. The agenda includes steps to speed up the identification and processing of migrants when they arrive, and to ensure that countries rapidly send back people who do not qualify for protection, according to a draft of the text. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Some fighting breaks out after ceasefire in Yemen

With cargo ships poised to launch a desperately needed aid operation in embattled Yemen, a five-day humanitarian ceasefire began Tuesday night, just hours after Saudi-led coalition warplanes struck against Shiite rebels and their allies. There were reports of continued ground fighting in some areas. Security officials and witnesses said fierce combat broke out about a half hour after the ceasefire began when rebels tried to storm the southern city of Dhale, firing tank shells, rockets and mortars. But no air strikes by the Saudi-led coalition battling the rebels were reported.

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U.S. man accused of Capitol attack plot pleads not guilty

A 21-year-old man accused of plotting to attack the U.S. Capitol in support of Islamic State extremists pleaded not guilty Tuesday to the latest federal charge against him. An indictment last week added a fourth count against Christopher Lee Cornell. The charge of material support to a U.S.-designated foreign terrorist organization carries a potential sentence of up to 15 years with conviction. Federal authorities said Cornell offered support and resources to the Islamic State group. He has been held without bond since his Jan. 14 arrest. His father has said Cornell was coerced by an informer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A rescue worker from USAID inspects the site of a building that collapsed in an earthquake in Kathmandu, Nepal, Tuesday.

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Nepal shaken again by major earthquake

ASIA

At least 37 killed with death count expected to rise

A new earthquake killed dozens of people Tuesday and spread more fear and misery in Nepal, which is still struggling to recover from a devastating quake nearly three weeks ago that left more than 8,000 dead.

A U.S. Marine Corps helicopter carrying six marines and two Nepalese soldiers

was reported missing while delivering disaster aid in northeastern Nepal, U.S. officials said, although there have been no indications the aircraft crashed.

Tuesday's magnitude-7.3 quake, centred midway between Kathmandu and Mount Everest, struck hardest in the foothills of the Himalayas, triggering some landslides, but it also shook the capital badly, sending thousands of terrified people into the streets.

At least 37 people were killed in the quake and more than 1,100 were injured, according to the Home Ministry.

18.5 km

Tuesday's earthquake was deeper, coming from a depth of 18.5 kilometres versus the earlier one at 15 kilometres. Shallow earthquakes tend to cause more damage.

But that toll was expected to rise as reports began reaching Kathmandu of people in isolated Himalayan towns and villages being buried under rubble, according to the UN's Office for the Coordination of

Humanitarian Affairs.

Tuesday's quake was also followed closely by at least 10 strong aftershocks, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Tremors radiated across parts of Asia. In neighbouring India, at least 16 people were confirmed dead after rooftops or walls collapsed onto them, according to India's Home Ministry. In Tibet, a landslide killed one person and injured three, according to China Central Television. Two houses collapsed, the state broadcaster said, quoting disaster officials of the regional Tibetan government.

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MADISON, WISCONSIN

Officer not charged in biracial man's death

A white police officer won't face criminal charges for fatally shooting an unarmed 19-year-old biracial man whom witnesses say was acting erratically and had assaulted two people, a prosecutor announced Tuesday.

District Attorney Ismael Ozanne, who is biracial but identifies as black, said he won't file charges against Officer Matt Kenny in the death of Tony Robinson. Kenny shot Robinson on March 6 in an apartment house near the Wisconsin state

capitol building.

Police said Kenny was responding to calls that Robinson was running in and out of traffic and had assaulted two people. They said Robinson attacked the officer after he entered the apartment house.

The city's black community mounted daily rallies for a week after the shooting. The protests were peaceful, although demonstrators demanded Kenny be fired and charged with homicide.

The state Department of Justice investigated the shoot-

ing under a state law that requires outside agencies to lead probes into officer-involved deaths. The state agency handed over its findings to Ozanne on March 27.

The shooting was another in a series of police confrontations that have ignited racial tension across the nation in the past year, and the second such officer-involved death in Wisconsin during the period. Milwaukee Police Officer Christopher Manney, who is white, fatally shot 31-year-old Dontre Hamil-

ton, who was black, during a scuffle in a downtown park in April 2014.

Manney wasn't charged, either. The local district attorney, who is white, said Manney acted in self-defence, which sparked days of peaceful protests in the state's largest city. But Manney was fired for what Milwaukee Police Chief Ed Flynn said was improperly frisking Hamilton in the lead-up to the shooting. A police commission upheld the dismissal.

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U.S.-Russian relations tense over Ukraine, Syria

DIPLOMACY

U.S. Secretary of State makes official visit to Russia

Despite a cordial atmosphere, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry's meetings Tuesday with Russian President Vladimir Putin and his foreign minister produced little evidence of progress in easing tensions on Ukraine, Syria and other issues dividing the two powers.

On his first trip to Russia since the Ukraine crisis began, Kerry held more than four hours of talks with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov at a hotel in the Black Sea resort of Sochi before seeing Putin at his presidential residence in the city. Putin is in Sochi meeting with Russian defence officials for a week.

Three hours into the Kerry-Putin meeting, Russia's Foreign Ministry issued a statement saying that Kerry and Lavrov had a "long and sincere conversation on a broad range of issues."

But the statement echoed the defiant tone of earlier ministry comments that blamed Washington for strains in relations and said Moscow would not back down on matters critical to its national interests.

"Sergey Lavrov noted that we aren't to blame for the current crisis in relations with Washington," the statement said. "Russia is ready for constructive co-operation with Washington both on bilateral issues and on global arena, where our countries bear special responsibility for the global security and stability. However, co-operation is



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, left, watch as members of the United States and Russian delegations place red flowers at the Zakovkzalny War Memorial in Sochi, Russia, Tuesday. JOSHUA ROBERTS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, POOL

only possible on an honest and equal basis, without attempts at diktat and enforcement."

The statement added that additional sanctions pressure on Russia would result only in continued deadlock because "Russia will not be forced to compromise on its national interests and its principled stance on the issues it considers as key for itself."

Both Washington and Moscow insist that all sides to the Ukraine crisis comply with an increasingly fragile ceasefire agreement but differ widely as to who violated it.

Kerry had planned to test



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Russian Foreign Ministry statement

Putin's willingness to press pro-Russia separatists in Ukraine to comply with the ceasefire.

Kerry was also seeking to gauge the status of Russia's support for embattled Syrian President Bashar Assad, whose forces have been losing ground to rebels, and urge Moscow to support a political transition

that could end that war. On that issue, the Russian statement said only that it is "necessary to continue efforts to launch a full-fledged political dialogue between official Damascus and the opposition."

In addition, Kerry was to make the case to Putin that Russia should not proceed with

+ ALLEGATIONS

Russia in Ukraine, says Russian opposition

Russian opposition activists published a report Tuesday that they claim proves that Russia is deeply involved in the war in Ukraine, seeking to counter overwhelming state media reports casting the events as a local uprising against the Ukrainian government. Opposition activist Ilya Yashin said that by conservative estimates at least 220 Russian soldiers had died in two battles in eastern Ukraine within the past year.

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its planned transfer of an advanced air defence system to Iran. The Russian statement was silent on that.

Relations between Washington and Moscow have plummeted to post-Cold War lows amid the disagreements over Ukraine and Syria.

Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters in Sochi on Tuesday that Russia welcomed Kerry's visit but stressed that "Russia never initiated the freeze in relations and we are always open for displays of political will for a broader dialogue."

The rhetoric signalled there would be few breakthroughs if any. Nevertheless, both sides stressed the importance of trying to work through some of the rancour that buried President Barack Obama's first-term effort to "reset" ties with Moscow. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GEORGE ZIMMERMAN

Road rage leads to shooting, injury

Police officers recovered a handgun from George Zimmerman and took two guns from a man accused of shooting at the former neighbourhood watchman while both were driving, authorities said Tuesday.

The incident is just the latest run-in with law enforcement for Zimmerman since he was acquitted in the February 2012 shooting death of Trayvon Martin, an unarmed black teenager, in a case that sparked protests and an ongoing national debate about race relations. The U.S. Justice Department later decided not to bring a civil rights case against Zimmerman.

Police also released an emergency call Tuesday in which the caller says the other man, Matthew Apperson, told him he was forced to fire his gun Monday at the former neighbourhood watch leader on a busy street in the Orlando suburb of Lake Mary.

"A guy says he had to shoot a guy through the window and he wants the police to come," the man said on the call. "He had to shoot at somebody ... He said it was George Zimmerman."

Zimmerman suffered minor injuries from flying glass and debris.

Two guns were taken from Apperson's car, including a revolver that had a spent shell casing. Police officers will also execute a search warrant on Zimmerman's pickup truck, said Lake Mary Police Officer Bianca Gillett.

Both men had the guns legally.

Detectives are still investigating and no charges have been filed against Zimmerman or Apperson. She said the investigation could take time. Documents released Tuesday show that detectives are investigating the shooting as a possible aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill.

"It was a busy time of day on a very busy street," Gillett said. "We are thinking there is someone that saw something that they could come forward and provide that information to the Lake Mary Police Department."

Zimmerman and Apperson were involved in a road-rage episode last September, but no charges were filed in that case.

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MISSISSIPPI

Murder charges laid after two officers die

Marvin Banks had already done two stints in state prison and faced an unserved indictment on drug charges when a Hattiesburg police officer pulled his girlfriend over for speeding just after sundown Saturday.

Banks is now jailed without bond on two capital murder charges. Authorities say he fatally shot two officers: Benjamin Deen and Liquori Tate.

Mississippi Bureau of Investigation spokesman Warren Strain said Monday that when Deen

stopped a Hyundai driven by 22-year-old Joanie Calloway, he decided to search the car and asked Banks, Calloway and pastiesburg police officer pulled his girlfriend over for speeding just after sundown Saturday.

At that point, Strain said, Banks shot Deen and Tate, who was backing up Deen. Both officers were wearing bullet resistant vests that couldn't protect them against the gunshots. Deen was shot in the face, and Tate was shot in the lower back, Forrest County Coroner Butch Benedict said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Rolling Stone sued for bogus campus rape story

A University of Virginia official is seeking more than \$7.5 million from Rolling Stone magazine in a defamation lawsuit stemming from a debunked account of an alleged gang rape on campus.

A report published by the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism said the magazine failed at virtually every step in the reporting and editing of the story.

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UNITED STATES

Senate keeps trade deal off fast track

Senate Democrats dealt President Barack Obama a stinging setback on trade Tuesday, blocking efforts to begin a full-blown debate on a top priority of his second term.

The president's supporters said they will try again, possibly starting in the House. But they couldn't sugarcoat a solid rebuke from the president's own party, led by some who served with him in the Senate.

Only one Senate Democrat, Tom Carper of Delaware, voted for a GOP-crafted motion to start considering Obama's request for "fast track" trade authority. Fast track would let the president present trade agreements that Congress can ratify or reject, but not amend.

Proponents needed 60 votes to thwart a Democratic filibuster, but managed only 52 in the 100-member Senate.

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FLORIDA

Monkey farms draw activists' ire

Tucked away in Florida's Hendry County, amid the scrub brush and saw palmetto grasslands just southwest of Lake Okeechobee, are three monkey breeding farms containing thousands of primates.

A fourth is in the works, and the possibility that the small, rural county will become the country's biggest supplier of research primates has some neighbours and many animal rights activists howling.

"Who would want this? This is a black eye in our community. What community wants to be known as a place that's breeding monkeys?" said BJ Gerald, a retired horse trainer who lives a few miles from one of the breeding facilities.

The companies say they're do-

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This is a black eye in our community.

BJ Gerald,
retired horse trainer

ing nothing wrong, that they're properly permitted agriculture facilities, and they're in the area with the blessing of authorities.

In November, the Animal Legal Defence Fund filed a lawsuit against Hendry County officials who approved a primate breeding facility that could hold as many as 3,200 long-tailed macaques.

The lawsuit said Hendry County approved the controversial project behind closed doors.

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TURKEY

Ottoman's selfie statue disarmed

A statue erected in a Turkish city of an Ottoman prince taking a selfie with a cellphone has been vandalized amid strong criticism of the artwork.

Just days after it was erected, someone — perhaps offended by disparagement of Ottoman history — hacked off the phone and the prince's sword. The mayor's office in Amasya, a city an hour south of Turkey's Black Sea coast, said police have been ordered to guard the disarmed prince.

The statue, intended to attract tourists, has its defenders, and some people have been mugging for their own selfies with the eccentric prince.

"It is certainly very beautiful," Hurriyet Daily News newspaper quoted Dilek Tuna, a visitor from the central Turkish province of Corum, as saying.

The prince reflects part of



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Amasya's history. In Ottoman times, Amasya was a prosperous town where princes, or Shahzade, were sent to prepare them to rule the empire. Some of them became Sultans, including Mehmet II, or Mehmet the Conqueror, who conquered Constantinople — now Istanbul — in 1453.

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Street lights depicting same-gender pairs are pictured in downtown Vienna, Austria, Tuesday. RONALD ZAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Green light for gay rights in Austria

VIENNA

Pedestrian signals depict variety of gender pairings

Some Vienna pedestrian traffic lights are suddenly not only red or green. They're also gay or straight.

And Austria's right-wing Freedom Party is livid.

Over the past few days, the city started setting up lights at pedestrian crossings that show pairs of figures instead of the

usual stick men. Some depict a man and a woman. Others, two women. Still others, two men. All couples are complete with hearts.

The lights are being erected at 47 crossings and will stay up until June. Vienna hosts several events linked to tolerance during that time, including the Life Ball, Europe's biggest charity event for AIDS and HIV research, and the Eurovision Song Contest, won last year by Austrian cross-dressing pop star Conchita Wurst.

Pedestrians were neutral to positive when asked Tuesday whether they liked the concept.

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The topic of equality and equal treatment is a very important issue.

Clemens Bendtner

"I think this is a great idea," said Clemens Bendtner. "The topic of equality and equal treatment is a very important issue, and it is getting some attention through the campaign."

But not all Austrians are amused. The Freedom Party

has announced it is lodging a criminal complaint against Vienna Councilwoman Maria Vassilakou, who is in charge of traffic issues in the city.

Party officials say the lights contravene traffic regulations and are a waste of taxpayers' money at a cost of 63,000 euros (\$70,000 US).

The city in turn says that the lights conform to laws — and are meant not only to show tolerance.

Municipal officials say they also hope the signals will draw more attention from pedestrians and reduce jay-walking.

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Chain updates its image with trendy foods, downtown digs



Melissa Dunne
For Metro

Every two weeks or so, Melissa Baker hauls home bags filled with healthy staples, such as dried beans, chickpea flour, spices, steel-cut oats and shredded coconut. She's short on storage space in the small condo she shares with her sister, so she pours her bi-weekly take into mason jars.

You might assume the type of person who puts their food in mason jars shops at Whole Foods Market, or if they really want to one-up the hipster down the street, the local independent health-food store. You'd be wrong. Baker, along with an increasing number of condo-dwelling millennials, frequently shops at Bulk Barn.

"Back in 2012 or 2013, Prince George (about eight hours north of Vancouver) got a Bulk Barn, and everyone was saying, 'A Bulk Barn is coming! A Bulk Barn is coming!'" recalls the 26-year-old master's student, who now lives in downtown Toronto and studies nutrition at Ryerson University.

That's right: the suburban chain with the garish yellow-and-red signs is suddenly hip.

From suburban to urban

Bulk Barn, which Carol Ofield first opened in a Toronto suburb in 1982, has recently revamped its dowdy suburban image for a sleek new downtown look.

The chain reportedly hired ad agency Leo Burnett in late 2014 in a bid to lure more young urbanites and update its once deeply uncool vibe. The franchised chain is aggressively expanding nationally, having opened more than 100 stores in the last five years. The stores can now be mainly found in big-box plazas in the suburbs and smaller standalone locations downtown.

Two of the six new Bulk Barns that have opened in the past six months are in downtown Toronto.

Gone are the garish signs at its new downtown locations, replaced with sleek red and



Melissa Baker checks bins of nuts, grains, herbs and candies at the Bulk Barn on Toronto's Carlton Street. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO



What are they? ... They're not a health food store, they're not a convenience store; they're sort of a mix.

Retail consultant Ed Strapagiel

metal, announcing to Canadians: this is no longer your mom's Bulk Barn. Recently, the chain updated its kitschy flyers for a more modern look, which garnered kudos on social media.

Bulk Barn is smart to follow Canadians downtown, says Anthony Stokan, partner at retail consultancy Anthony Russell Inc. While rent is more expensive in the core, the chain does not have to pay for mall amenities with standalone stores.

Also, franchisees can capitalize on the condo boom. With millennials moving from the suburbs to downtown, the new urban Bulk Barn locations offer a mix of nostalgia and practicality.

Millennials like Baker have no room for giant boxes of food from places like Costco in their cramped condos. And besides, like many condo-dwellers, she

doesn't have a car to get to box plazas.

The scoop on the bulk-food strategy

The new strategy is clearly working.

"I tend to go on Wednesdays because there's a student discount that day," said Baker. "It's usually very, very busy when I go."

There are now more than 200 Bulk Barns, with stores in every province. And while you can still load up on gummy worms and chocolate for a steal, the stores also have a variety of health foods that young people love.

"In terms of changes, the biggest is probably product selection. We're all about offering our customers variety, whether it's having staples like oats or something more unusual, like Non-GMO chia

seeds," said Sherryl Woodward, senior director of marketing at Bulk Barn Foods Limited in an e-mail interview.

This mix of healthy staples and not-so-healthy snacks is key to Bulk Barn's success, says retail consultant Ed Strapagiel.

"What are they?" asks Strapagiel. "They're not a health food store, they're not a convenience store; they're sort of a mix."

Being "sort of a mix" is not always a good thing. But in this case it works. Most grocers such as Loblaws and Whole Foods do offer some bulk food, but it's not their main focus,

says Strapagiel. While kids may love regional bulk-candy shop chains like Sugar Mountain, there's not much for health-conscious adults there. Many independent health-food stores can be a bit dingy by modern standards, he notes.

Changing with the times

The chain has done a decent job of "cleaning up" and streamlining its stores and image, says Maureen Atkinson, senior partner at retail consultancy J.C. Williams Group. It's no longer seen as just a bargain brand but a place where health nuts like Baker can grind their own nut butters. The chain certainly has not reached a saturation point yet, says Atkinson, so expect to see more updated, dare we say trendy, stores in the future.

While many other mall staples, from Eaton's to Target to Jacob to Zellers have failed, Bulk Barn continues to succeed. The Canadian chain has pulled off a feat many retailers have found impossible: it has kept its kitschy core, while changing with the times. What could be cooler than that?

Three things that changed

1 Signs of the times

While you'll still find the red-and-yellow signs out in the suburbs, many of the downtown locations now have toned-down signs with sleek silver backgrounds.



2 Healthy items

Don't worry, you can still buy a massive amount of gummy worms for \$5, but the stores also have on-trend healthy items like quinoa and a station to grind your own nut butters.



3 Streamlined flyers

They recently updated their flyers for a more clean, streamlined look.



Three things that haven't

1 Rental cake pans

The stores still rent cake pans — there's everything from the trendy Hello Kitty to the classic Mickey Mouse pans.



2 Wacky names

Many of the items still have wacky names, from Dino Sours candies to Clownin' Around snack mix.



3 The scoop

You still generally scoop your food out of a big utilitarian bin and pour it into a clear plastic bag, with red font on it.





the big number

\$36M

This is the cost of the “tampon tax” Canadian women shell out yearly. A motion to drop federal tax from feminine hygiene items passed unanimously in the House on Monday — after some wrangling behind the scenes. Conservative women MPs reportedly threatened to stage a walkout if their caucus didn’t support the motion. The NDP on Tuesday called to scrap the tax from the current budget implementation bill; Conservatives say they’ll find \$36 million in savings in a future budget. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The problem with using Tinder to look for love

SOCIAL DISCOURSE

Omar Mouallem



To the single people of Tinder alone at the bridge, casting their rods over and over again, getting plenty of bites but catching little more than a guy or girl actually obsessed with fishing in a non-proverbial way, I’d like to apologize on behalf of the many millions of us who are wasting your time.

A study by GlobalWebIndex (GWI), a world leader in digital consumption research, found 42 per cent of Tinder users are already in relationships. A third even have rings on their fingers, including my wife and I when we decided to check out what our lives would be like in an alternate universe.

To be fair, we were upfront about it, flaunting “happily married but here for giggles” bios like tourists in matching shirts strolling down the Las

Vegas strip. There were some anthropological discoveries, too: men seemed to read “no strings attached” in her bio, while my profile flashed “scumbag” in giant neon letters. And, apparently, every woman is obligated to do yoga poses in front of famous landmarks, and every man loves hunting (maybe that’s just an Alberta thing).

One might worry such window-shopping could lead to something more, but we did it for sport and to see who could get the most matches (she crushed me). There was an element of envy to it, too.

Tinder, being beautifully designed and addictive, had me shaking my head, muttering, “Single guys have it so easy today — why, in my day, I had to open a hideous browser!” Perhaps it’s not easy after all, since more than half of Tinder women are already coupled. I admit, learning that half my matches were just as likely to be half-hearted killed the fun.

The GWI study did not have a small sample size. It reached 47,000 people, in 13 countries, from high schoolers to retirees — so many of them gawkers in your lonely world.

Certainly some of them are non-monogamous, using it as a hookup app or maybe even to find like-minded couples. Others might be lecherously prowling, though Tinder’s geographical limits and Facebook integration make infidelity hard to get away with.

That makes me think most coupled users were, like us, just wandering into the digital singles bar for kicks.

Disheartening as it might be if you’re looking for love on the app — and judging from my friends, this group includes all singles under 40 — this will probably be good news for Tinder. The company has long desired to be a friend-making tool. First you meet each other on the app, then become friends on Facebook. As CEO Sean Rad put

Single guys have it so easy today — why, in my day, I had to open a hideous browser!

it, Tinder is a place for “social discovery.”

Now that the curtain’s been lifted, maybe it will evolve into that. In fact, my Tinder tourism got me a friend: another happily coupled user who was, as she put it, “scratching that promiscuity itch.” Other friends have used it to find travel buddies while backpacking. Maybe Tinder’s evolution has already begun.

Sorry, singles. You’ll have to find another app.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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‘What would your mother think?’ is not a feminist incantation

I’m about done with people invoking the mother figure when men behave badly.

This weekend, a group of moronic men dropped the worn-out “f--k her right in the p---y” prank on a female reporter at a Toronto soccer game.

It’s the latest in a string of such incidents, and the reporter demanded, on camera, to know why.

She didn’t get very far, because idiots aren’t very good at explaining their idiocy, and so she asked finally, with exasperation, what if “your mum saw you talk like this?”

What I want to know is: why do we care about his mum?

Demanding to know “what your mother would think” is not some kind of feminist incantation — say these words, and the spell of sexism will be broken!

Proof: the soccer fans weren’t cured.

“My mum would die laughing, eventually!” said the one with too much gel in his hair, his face full of glee.

Social-media critics were not amused. They clamoured to the reporter’s defence, claiming this man-child’s mother would certainly not be laughing.

But they, too, are misguided.

They think they can shame this man by making him face the humanity in his own mother. And it’s laughable. Of course he sees it. He doesn’t

care. Proximity to and love for a woman is not a quick-balm for sexism. If it was, we wouldn’t have needed the suffragettes.

But even worse: why is it a woman’s job to police men? It’s ridiculous that we still expect nagging mothers to swoop in and set misbehaving sons straight. We praised the mothers who scolded their sons for trolling on Facebook in Australia and for rioting in the streets of Baltimore.

Yet no one asks what their fathers would think. That only women, and especially only mothers, teach men how not to hate women is a sexist assumption in itself.

In our need for revenge and conversion to the feminist cause, I can see why the “mother card” is a tempting last-ditch effort. But other tactics actually stand a chance of making a point.

There’s conversation: before bringing up mom, the reporter spent time describing that “f--k her right in the p---y” is abusive and degrading. It’s that kind of blunt talk that lays sexism bare and could change the minds of bystanders and viewers — even if it had no effect on those asinine jerks.

And then there are consequences: while those men don’t care what their mothers would think, they might need to worry about their bosses. The one with the bad hair gel is getting fired.

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CRAFTY BREW NAMES FOR YOUR MAY LONG WEEKEND

We're in the midst of a beer revolution as lager lovers flip their solo cups at the big guys. This rebel ethos shines most in the naming of those brews. Here are five cheekily named drinks to cheers the long weekend. **LIZ BROWN/METRO**

1 **Natural Born Keller** Wild Rose Brewery, Calgary

One wonders if Mickey and Mallory Knox might toast a successful killing spree with this brewer-described 'flavourful, crisp' drink, curated from 'natural born' fresh ingredients and Keller Bier. While having your beer associated with famous fictional serial killers may seem like a branding faux pas, Wild Rose Brewery marketing manager Blair Bullied says it's all about wordplay and a name people find funny — and of course, having that name pop out on the shelf.

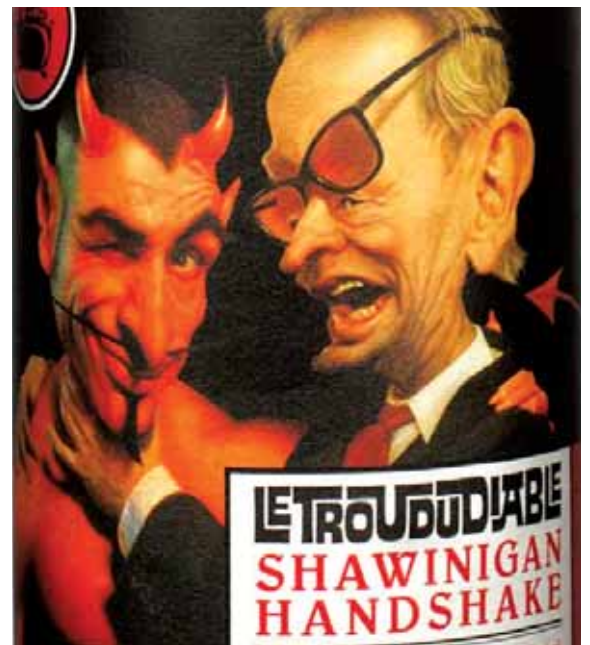
Best paired with: A juke box, Leonard Cohen's *Waiting for the Miracle*, and a game of redneck eeny, meeny, miny, moe.



3 **Yippee IPA** Picaroons Brewing, Fredericton, N.B.

"Names happen. Usually accompanied by drinking beer," says Picaroons owner Sean Dunbar. "The only test the name goes through is to try it out as if ordering a beer at a pub. I forget the moment Yippee IPA struck me as being a good beer name, but I remember liking the sound of 'gimme a big glass of Yippee.'"

Best paired with: Any kind of party that makes you holler Yippee!



2 **Farmer's Daughter** Whitewater Brewing, Foresters Falls, Ont.

A blonde ale that's an 'eye-opener on a hot summer's day.' Whitewater co-founder Chris Thompson said he wanted to evoke the "local, hardworking and wholesome qualities that we aspire to in the brewery." Also, "we thought it would get a laugh when people ask for a Farmer's Daughter from the bar." You can try their Farmer's Daughters Melons blend, too.

Best paired with: A pair of Daisy Dukes and a plaid shirt.

4 **Jerkface 9000** Parallel 49 Brewing, Vancouver

This American wheat ale got its name after a group brainstorm turned a little testy. "Someone suggested a much more serious name," says publicist Carine Redmond. "The team vetoed it as they don't take themselves too seriously and the more serious namer quipped 'call it Jerkface, you a—hole.'"

Best paired with: Those gatherings where you run into people who easily irritate.



5 **Shawinigan Handshake** Le Trou du Diable, Shawinigan, Que.

An homage to that 1996 Canadian heritage moment when then-Prime Minister Jean Chrétien (a.k.a. 'the little guy from Shawinigan') put a chokehold on a heckling anti-poverty protester in Hull, Que. This brew is a Weizenbock, categorized as a strong, dark wheat beer. Ostensibly the strength of the beer is in honour of the bare-handed muscling it took Chrétien to bring a protester to his knees.

Best paired with: A no-holds-barred House of Commons debate on CPAC.

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Flipping over fancy burgers

FAST FOOD

Premium burger market in Canada keeps growing

The fast-food burger keeps getting more upmarket and expensive, and an analyst says that trend isn't going away.

Last year, Canadians bought nearly 15 million burgers at an average price of \$6.05, says Robert Carter of NPD Group, which represented a four per cent price increase compared to 2013.

He notes growth in the burger business over the last five years has been dramatic, with "a lot of focus on the premium, high-end burgers with a lot of dialogue around the local and hormone-free and what I'll call the 'better-for-you' style burger."

"Almost every restaurant now talks about hormone-free, or Canadian farmers, or antibiotic-free, or organic," Carter says.

"It's catering to the consumer demand to understand more

about the foods that they're eating, and that also leads into the perception of health and wellness."

Bareburger, an American chain of organic burger restaurants, opened its 23rd location — and first outside the U.S. — in Toronto in January.

Euripides Pelekanos started grilling organic burgers at his nightclub in Brooklyn, N.Y., before opening the first Bareburger in 2009.

The menu caters not only to lovers of meat, but also vegans and vegetarians, and those on gluten-free, paleo and low-carb diets.

The full-service licensed restaurant offers burgers made of beef, bison, wild boar, elk, duck and turkey, with toppings ranging from pineapple relish and tomato fig jam to wild mushrooms and smoke sauce. Vegetarian patties include quinoa, black bean, or sweet potato with wild rice, and can be wrapped in collar greens or served on a brioche, sprout or

hemp milk bun.

"There's something to be said about knowing where your food comes from, knowing that animals were raised right, the right way nature intended them to be raised, from pastures to being grass-fed to being free-range," Pelekanos said during a visit to Toronto.

Bareburger plans to open 18 more stores worldwide by the

end of 2015, including several more Canadian locations.

Other U.S. burger businesses have similarly sensed an opportunity in Canada, including Five Guys Burgers and Fries, Wahlburgers and Carl's Jr.

But that's not to say home-grown upscale burger shops aren't doing well.

Shant Mardirosian, who launched a tiny Burger's Priest

15 million

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location in 2010, now has six in Toronto, one in Guelph, Ont., and one in Edmonton.

Mardirosian, who attended seminary school and uses aspects of his Christian faith as a marketing tool, says simplicity and freshness are the hallmarks of his classic American-style cheeseburgers, with premium beef patties on a soft white bun.

"We grind our beef on site and that beef is never used the next day," he says.

"If we run out of meat, we close the doors and sell out. If we have beef left over, we fry it up and make chili out of it for

our chili cheese fries."

Business is booming and Mardirosian is opening five more shops, including one at Toronto's Union Station and others in Ottawa and Calgary.

At Bareburger, a basic burger, fries and a bottled water will set you back around \$17 after tax. Indulge in all the fancy stuff — say a bison burger with cheese, brisket and guacamole — and a combo rings in at about \$28 after tax.

"These are extremely delicate, high-quality (burgers). There's been a lot of work sourcing these ingredients and there's unfortunately a price that comes along with that," says Pelekanos.

When The Burger's Priest opened five years ago, Mardirosian's cheeseburger was \$4.99. Now it's \$5.79.

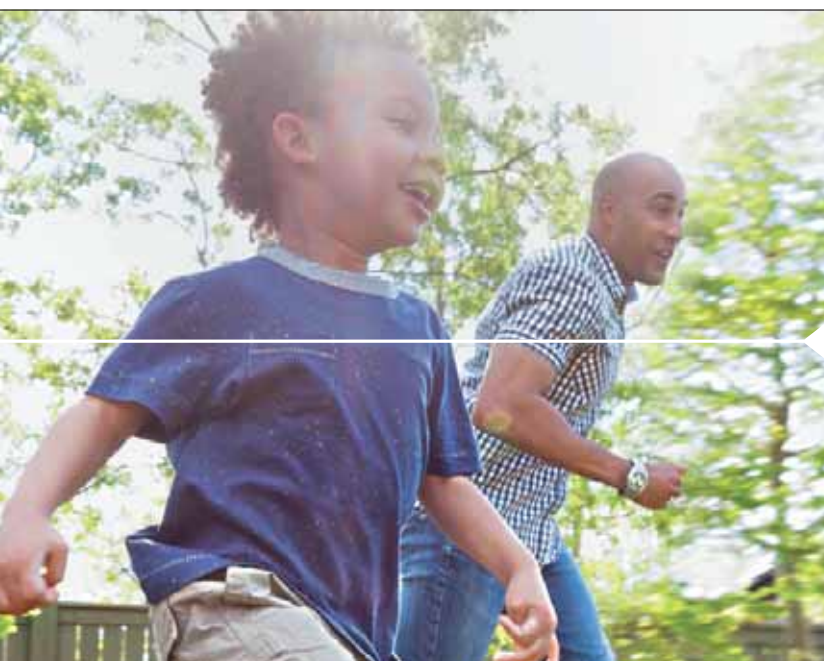
"You can get away with a cheeseburger combo for about \$12. Considering we use four ounces of premium beef, compared to some of the fast-food joints where they're charging \$9, for an extra \$3 I think it's quite a bargain."

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The Blue Elk from Bareburger features elk, Amish blue cheese, back bacon, stout onions and tomato fig jam on a sprout bun. HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Many Canadians will shell out extra for a burger they believe to be of high quality. If it costs too little, more discerning consumers may think it's inferior and won't purchase it, analyst Robert Carter says.



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AMERICAN CRIME STORY

O.J. Simpson trial acts as 'origin story'

Like many people, John Travolta remembers where he was when O.J. Simpson was riding in a white Ford Bronco in that infamous slow-speed pursuit in 1994 before he surrendered to police and later faced murder charges in the deaths of his ex-wife Nicole Brown and her friend Ronald Goldman.

"I had just gotten back from the Cannes Film Festival where we won the Palme d'Or for Pulp Fiction. I was on this kind of high with a new (revived) career and then this American tragedy was happening," the actor said.

Travolta, along with Cuba Gooding Jr., David Schwimmer and Sarah Paulson have signed on to star in a new true crime anthology series coming to FX called American Crime Story.

Season 1 will focus on the O.J. Simpson trial and is based on a book by Jeffrey Toobin who covered the trial extensively for The New Yorker.

Travolta plays Simpson's attorney Robert Shapiro. Ryan Murphy is directing the series, now about one week into filming.

"That trial sort of gave birth

to a new kind of media coverage," Murphy said. "It felt like an origin story of something that was the first and now we're still dealing with the reverberations of that so it feels very modern to me."

Gooding plays O.J. Simpson. "People keep asking me whether I think he did it or not, and I don't think that's the goal here, to prove his innocence or his guilt," Gooding said. "I think it's more us putting the judicial system under the spotlight ... We try to find a truth in the moment so that we can find answers."

David Schwimmer portrays the late-Robert Kardashian, an attorney on Simpson's defence team and a loyal defender of the former pro-football player. He says he spoke to Kardashian's ex-wife, Kris Jenner (who will be portrayed by Selma Blair) for insight into the role.

Actress Sarah Paulson, who has already worked with Murphy in American Horror Story, said she's been analyzing footage to prepare for her part as prosecutor Marcia Clark.

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O.J. Simpson holds up his hands before the jury during his double-murder trial. Season 1 of FX's American Crime Story will focus on the Simpson trial. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

IN BRIEF

Bollywood actress heads to Hollywood

Bollywood star Priyanka Chopra is heading to American television with a lead role in the ABC drama Quantico.

"Wow. I'm still reeling," she said Monday night.

Chopra plays an FBI trainee at Quantico Base in Virginia.

Chopra, 32, is a former Miss World. She has starred in films like the romance musicals Fashion and Andaz, and has also released music.

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Jazz prodigy releases debut album

Joey Alexander's favourite things include The Avengers, SpongeBob and The Onion. He's a normal 11-year-old kid who just happens to be a jazz piano prodigy from Indonesia and has already impressed such jazz luminaries as Wynton Marsalis and Herbie Hancock.

This week, Alexander released his debut CD, My Favorite Things, making a statement on the opening track with a 10-minute-plus version of John Coltrane's harmonically challenging Giant Steps.

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Queen Latifah as hard-living blues singer Bessie Smith. CONTRIBUTED

Queen Latifah in 'role of a lifetime'

HBO

Latifah says she summoned Bessie Smith to play the legend

Many viewers will come to the HBO biopic Bessie with scant knowledge of its subject, blues legend Bessie Smith.

But in the title role, Queen Latifah schools you with a bruising display of fierce drive, unstoppable talent and a gallery of personal demons.

"I felt like it was the role of a lifetime," says Latifah, 45, a multifaceted entertainer.

Premiering Saturday on HBO Canada at 8 p.m. ET/MT, Bessie (also starring Khandi Alexander, Mo'Nique, Oliver Platt and Charles S. Dutton) was in development for more than 20

years, with Latifah always pegged to play a person she knew little of back then.

The long delay was, in effect, a blessing, since it gave Queen Latifah a chance to "grow" into the role.

"I was able to figure out the parts that we could connect on, the parts of her way of singing that I could emulate in my way to show her style without being intimidated by the fact that I don't have that voice — she's a powerhouse!"

So intense was the connection during filming, Queen Latifah at times felt she could summon Bessie Smith from the great beyond.

"I would pray: Bessie help me out, help me do it the way you want it done, help me really be you! I hope I did a good job in her eyes, wherever she is in that great place in the sky."

Queen Latifah found herself asking questions: "Why did she need THIS guy, and why did she

need THIS woman? And why can't she say 'I love you'? And why did she have to eat so much and drink so much and party so much?"

Discovering those answers called for her furious performance, including a bare-chested scene, a brutal fight with her husband, Jack (Michael Kenneth Williams), and bedroom scenes with Lucille (Tika Sumpter), another of the bisexual Bessie's romantic partners.

"All that's what the role required," says Queen Latifah matter-of-factly. "You have to honour the character. This is her truth. You may feel uncomfortable with certain scenes, but there are a lot of things to feel uncomfortable about."

"But who am I to not play her to the bone! Talk about 'The show must go on'! This woman literally got stabbed, left the hospital, and went out and performed."

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Mad Men airs its final episode on Sunday after seven seasons. MICHAEL YARISH/AMC

It's so hard to say goodbye

SERIES FINALES

Three shows including late-night giant wrap later this month

Brian Gasperek
For Metro | Life

Talk about a rough start to the week for TV fans. Within the span of a few hours on Monday, it was announced that two long-running couch potato classics, American Idol and CSI, were both getting cancelled. Bummer. But before you start getting all misty-eyed over the demise of Idol (which ends after next season) and CSI (which will get a TV movie send-off next year), save those tears for a trio of shows that are actually saying goodbye this month.

May 2015 officially marks the end of an era for three shows, including one of the most iconic late-night talk shows of all time, one of the best cable dramas of

our generation and a modern thriller that just couldn't go to go the distance.

Here's a look at the three shows that have reached the end of the line.

Mad Men (May 17)

After seven seasons, 15 Emmys and four Golden Globes, AMC's hit period drama Mad Men will sadly air its last episode on Sunday night.

Throughout its preplanned seven-year run, Don Draper and his ad agency pals have consistently pulled in huge ratings for AMC and an ever-growing fan base. Yep, it's going out on top.

Mad Men will go down as one of the greatest and most influential TV dramas of all time thanks to its killer writing, acting and historical authenticity. It was also responsible for resurrecting sharp 1960s fashion and decor for the modern age.

The Following (May 18)

Kevin Bacon's show The Following looked like it had so much potential when it debuted back in 2013. It was edgy, scary and intense. People loved it out of the

gate, and it was even the highest-rated new broadcast series for adults 18 to 49. But after the first season, it lost momentum and its ratings plummeted into an embarrassing abyss. After a minimally watched second and third season, the violent serial killer thriller is toast as of next Monday.

Sadly, The Following will most likely be remembered by viewers as "that show that Kevin Bacon did for a couple years. I only watched the first season."

The Late Show with David Letterman (May 20)

And finally, May 20 marks the saddest series finale of 2015. It's the end of The Late Show with David Letterman. After 22 seasons of being the classiest gent in late-night television, Letterman is hanging up his suit and stepping away from the desk once and for all.

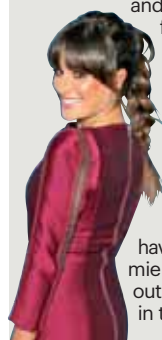
Sure, Stephen Colbert is inheriting the show from Dave and it will probably be really good, but Letterman will always be remembered as one of the greatest and most hilarious hosts to put us to bed Monday to Friday.

2015-16 TV season: What's in, out

The major U.S. broadcast networks are unveiling their new season lineups to advertisers in New York this week. From Shonda Rhimes' next potential hit to Rob Lowe's double-dipping, here's a roundup of some of the highlights so far. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Proven players

ABC is adding a fourth drama next season from its favourite producer, Shonda Rhimes. The fraud investigation drama The Catch stars Mireille Enos (The Killing) and joins Rhimes' other series for ABC: Scandal, How to Get Away with Murder and Grey's Anatomy, which is returning for its 12th season.



Over on Fox, Ryan Murphy, who gave the network a hit with Glee, is getting another chance with Scream Queens. The comedy-horror series will have veteran scream queen Jamie Lee Curtis and Glee breakout star Lea Michele (pictured) in the cast.

Empire building

Fans of freshman hit Empire, starring Terrence Howard (pictured) as a hip-hop magnate, won't have to wait until next winter for new episodes. Fox announced the drama will be on its fall schedule. But viewers should brace for a break in the planned 18 episodes — a split-season approach for Fox shows that network executives said will allow for a midway cliff-hanger creating an "event" aura.

Fox also said Chris Rock, Lenny Kravitz and Alicia Keys will make appearances.



Just for laughs

Fox is upping the ante by creating a Tuesday comedy night this fall with three of its new shows: Grandfathered, starring John Stamos; The Grinder with Rob Lowe and Fred Savage; and the aforementioned Scream Queens.



It promises to be a high-profile year for Lowe (pictured), who stars in The Grinder as an actor who attempts to become a real lawyer after playing one on TV. NBC has also announced that Lowe is a featured player in its comedy You, Me and the End of the World.

Swan songs

ABC is bidding farewell to cancelled dramas Forever and Resurrection and the Latino family comedy Cristela, which was part of the network's move toward diversity last season. At NBC, the comedies Marry Me, About a Boy, One Big Happy, A to Z and Bad Judge are among the shows axed.



The Mindy Project starring Mindy Kaling (pictured) is out at Fox but may be heading to Hulu. Meanwhile, American Idol is on its last legs with its 15th and final season.



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Luxury car minus the price tag

REVIEW

Audi A3 sedan reflects larger cousins' style, features

Audi is fuelling the small sedan craze with the next-generation A3 and the timing couldn't be better.

Luxury car buyers, it seems, are discovering what many of us have known for years — that driving small sedans can be lots of fun, especially those offering plenty of amenities and that are more cost- and fuel-efficient to boot.

Catering to this emerging segment are Germany's primary builders of upscale rides. Mercedes-Benz recently jumped into the luxury-compact pool with the 2014 CLA 250. The BMW 2-series is in the hunt, but until the forthcoming four-door 2-series Grand Coupe arrives in a couple of years, you'll have to settle for the two-door version.

Coming up

The A3 brand has been available in North America since the 2006 model year, but only as a wagon. However, for the 2015 model year, Audi now offers the A3 and S3 sedans, plus the A3 Cabriolet. They will be followed by the A3 e-tron plug-in hatchback hybrid that's expected to arrive in about a year.

The A3 sedan pretty much sticks to the A4 and A6 styling script with a long hood and



The interior of the Audi A3 sedan reveals attention to detail. CONTRIBUTED

short deck plus sharp sheet-metal creases in between to keep things interesting. It's the kind of timeless design that never seems to go out of fashion. On the inside, the A3 displays similar attention to detail that the other Audi family members also possess.

The standard pop-up seven-inch-diagonal control panel/navigation/infotainment display screen does seem a bit out of place, but automakers from Mazda to Mercedes-Benz are installing them along with twist-and-turn console-mounted dials to reduce dashboard-button clutter.

With a new body style, the A3 has also received a new

“Of course, Audi will tempt you with an array of options

platform that extends the front wheels forward by nearly four centimetres, compared to the previous wagon. That helps out in the passenger space department, as does a five-centimetre gain in distance between the front and rear wheels. Overall, the A3 is more than 15 centimetres longer and slightly wider than its predecessor.

The A3's powertrains consist of a turbocharged 170-horsepower 1.8-litre four-cylinder, with a turbocharged 220-horsepower 2.0-litre I4 and a 150-horsepower 2.0-litre turbo-diesel on the option sheet.

Additionally, a more powerful version of the turbocharged 2.0-litre gasoline engine that resides in the S3 generates 290 horsepower.

Connected to each engine is a six-speed twin-clutch automated-manual transmission that upshifts and downshifts more rapidly than a normal manual gearbox.

Audi's Quattro all-wheel-drive system is standard in the A3 fitted with the gaso-

line turbocharged 2.0, as well as in the S3.

An integral part of the A3's drivetrains is Audi's drive select system with four distinct settings ranging from normal to sporty for the transmission shift points, throttle feel and power steering resistance.

Brake bits

In addition, the standard stability control features an electronic differential lock that applies moderate braking to the inside front wheel to improve traction and reduce the car's tendency to travel in a straight line (called torque vectoring).

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CHECKLIST | 2015 AUDI A3

THE BASICS

Engines. 1.8-litre DOHC I4, 170 hp; 2.0-litre DOHC I4, 220 hp (290 hp, S4); 2.0-litre DOHC I4 turbo-diesel (150 hp)

Layout. Front-engine, front-/all-wheel-drive

Transmission. Six-speed automated manual. L/100 km (city/hwy): 10.0/7.1 (1.8)

Safety. Front airbags, side-impact airbags, side-curtain airbags, front-knee airbags, anti-lock brakes, traction control, stability control

Weight. 1,445 kilograms

the Cabriolet), the A3 comes reasonably well equipped with leather seat covers, a panoramic glass sunroof, high-intensity xenon headlights and Bluetooth telephone connectivity. Of course, Audi will tempt you with an array of options, including a navigation system with unique three-dimensional graphics, light emitting diode (LED) headlights and a Bang & Olufsen sound package that's usually found in models costing more than twice that of the A3.

Other than the price, the A3's most appealing quality is its ability to mimic its larger stable mates in looks and features, while maintaining an attractive entry price.

The new face of luxury has never looked more appealing, or more affordable.

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SELF-DRIVING VEHICLES

Nevada licenses 18-wheeler tractor-trailer for testing only

Jil McIntosh
For Metro

You've probably heard several companies are working on cars that drive themselves, but here's even bigger news: a tractor-trailer that can. And while such trucks are a decade or more away from production, Freightliner's Inspiration 18-wheeler concept truck is the world's first commercial autonomous vehicle licensed for public roads.

It's currently licensed only in Nevada, and strictly for test-

ing purposes. And while the Inspiration can pilot itself, it's not driverless.

"When it comes to safety and reaction time, computers are more reliable than a human being," says Martin Daum, president and CEO of Daimler Trucks North America, Freightliner's parent company. "But there are times when you can't beat the human brain. We need both."

The Inspiration uses a variety of technologies to make its magic, all of which are now available on many passenger cars. These include adaptive cruise



The Freightliner Inspiration. JIL MCINTOSH /FOR METRO

control, which ensures the truck keeps its distance from vehicles in front; automatic braking sys-

tems if a car cuts in front; and cameras that watch the road lines so the truck's steering system will stay between them. The self-driving feature isn't meant for city traffic, but for long-haul highway stretches. A ride in the Inspiration revealed it worked exactly as advertised, following curves in the road and adjusting its speed for slower vehicles ahead.

The truck can't pull itself out to pass, or stop and make a turn. When self-driving conditions aren't ideal, the truck tells the driver to take the wheel. The driver doesn't leave his seat, but is free to do other tasks during auto-pilot, such as paperwork or communications. This will reduce driver fatigue, estimated

as a factor in one out of every eight big-truck crashes.

In areas serviced by 3D map terrain technology, the Inspiration can also use "predictive" cruise control to anticipate hills and drive accordingly. It's expected to return a fuel economy improvement over the average 39 l/100 km that tractor-trailers use.

Freightliner will continue testing the Inspiration in a wide range of road and weather conditions, but the biggest hurdle is legislation.

Self-driving trucks won't be truly viable until all provinces and states approve their use.

Style, power mark Challenger SRT8

USED VEHICLE

Most issues in 2008-2014 models easy to find, fix

For a decent price, the Dodge Challenger SRT8 serves up one-of-a-kind looks, tremendous power output, a lengthy list of features, and a lusty powertrain, consisting of an up-tuned SRT V8 engine available with a six-speed manual transmission.

Targeted upgrades to the chassis enhanced performance and durability in a motorsports setting, with upgraded Brembo brakes, suspension components, wheels and tires helping generate Challenger's then-highest levels of track readiness.

Used copies will have no less than 425 horsepower from a 6.1-litre V8 engine, and more recent copies got a 6.4-litre unit that made it 470. The larger engine is referenced by

the Challenger's "SRT8 392" designation.

Look for available dual-mode dampers for optimized handling or ride quality at the touch of a button, as well as feature content including navigation, premium audio, Bluetooth, keyless ignition, heated leather and more. The Challenger SRT8 is a big, comfy coupe that goes like absolute bananas.

Approach a used Challenger SRT8 assuming the seller is trying to pass off the replacement bill for tires, brakes and a clutch, until you or your mechanic prove otherwise.

What to check

Confirm all window seals are present, intact and undamaged, or water leaks may result. Rubber seals around the windows and doors should be plump, intact and solid, not dried out, damaged or missing.

The owner's community suggests test drivers check the headliner for sagging, and inspect the rocker panel covers for signs of a fairly common

cracking issue. Scrutinize the driver's seat for signs of ripping, damaged seams, or excessive wear, too.

Be sure the transmission shifts smoothly and with no biting back, or rejected shifts, which could indicate trouble caused by past abuse. Take a whining or groaning sound from the rear differential while turning tightly at a low speed as a sign of trouble, too.

Finally, confirm everything inside the Challenger SRT8 that runs on electricity is in proper working order, including the seats, climate control, driver computer, steering-wheel controls and lights.

Scrutinize the navigation system for proper operation, be sure the Bluetooth system pairs with your mobile phone, and look for any burned-out LEDs in the driver computer display or stereo, if applicable.

Also, check the xenon headlamps for proper operation, as a burned-out xenon light can be pricey to replace.

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What owners like

Common owner praise-points include a comfortable and pleasant ride on most surfaces, the immense performance, the standout, crowd-gathering looks, and a surprisingly roomy back seat.

What owners dislike

Typical gripes centre around the ability of the Challenger SRT8 to quickly gather attention from local law enforcement authorities, a heavy fuel bill, and limited outward visibility.

The verdict

A largely solid buy in a used performance coupe that accommodates four adults while delivering top-notch performance. With the most commonly reported issues being fairly easy to detect, diagnose and repair, this car makes a confident buy after a mechanic's two thumbs up.

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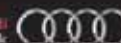
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E-CARS

Twizy to lead Renault return

French automaker Renault might be considering a return to North America with its Twizy low-speed electric car, reports alternative vehicle Web site, Green Car Reports, doing so initially via the continent's largest French-speaking region, the province of Quebec. Featuring a tubular chassis and on-board computer, Twizy is an urban compact two-seater that Renault declares is "super fun" to drive.



INNOVATION

Outlet in trunk serves outages

Toyota's revolutionary, hand-built hydrogen fuel-cell sedan, the Mirai, has lots to recommend it, including the ability to power a home in the event of an electrical-grid outage. Behind a small triangular panel in the trunk is a power-outlet from which the car could supply a house with electricity for several days. The feature is now available on Japan-market Mirais.



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THE GREEN ANGLE

Metro's weekly picks for the latest in environmental news



ULTRA-LOW EMISSIONS

Automakers back campaign

Three new automakers have joined Go Ultra Low, which is the European campaign to raise awareness of ultra-low emission vehicles (ULEVs). Audi, Mitsubishi and Volkswagen have joined BMW, Nissan, Renault and Toyota to work with governments in raising awareness of the benefits of ULEVs, which include low running costs and government purchase incentives. Between them, the seven Go Ultra Low members boast 15 ULEVs across a variety of model sizes and performance attributes, from family cars and vans, to tall wagons and high-performance sports cars. According to figures from Britain's Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, 2014 ULEV registrations in Britain grew by more than 300 per cent, to 14,518 vehicles, as drivers embraced the growing variety of models on offer.

DESIGN

New Beetles focus on style

Volkswagen will expand its iconic Beetle lineup by four new models, adding two coupes and two convertibles. They aren't substantively different in that they go further on a tank of gas, and are cleaner burning than other Beetles. They're mostly cosmetically different, each based on its own theme. For example, the Denim Concept is a throwback to the first "Jeans Bug" of the mid-1970s; and the stand-apart R-Line Concept with a 2.0-litre turbo engine, black diffuser and large rear spoiler speaks to performance.



+ CONSUMPTION

Fuel use drops despite population growth

Americans are using less gasoline, and owning fewer cars, than they have in 30 years, a study by the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute suggests. "Despite population growth of eight per cent, the absolute amount of fuel consumed by light-duty vehicles decreased by 11 per cent during the period 2004 (the year of maximum consumption) through 2013," said institute researcher Michael Sivak.



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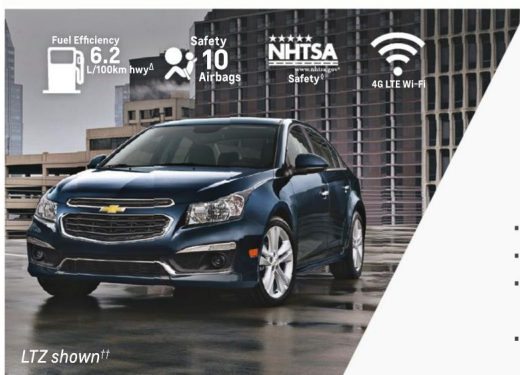
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Porsche

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+ AUTO NEWS SPRUCED-UP BMW 3-SERIES MAKES ITS DEBUT



The new BMW 3-Series gets new engines for 2015. BMW

The BMW-3 Series has received a subtle exterior nip and a tuck but a serious internal update for 2015. The new sedan and estate car has been tweaked to look lower, wider and more dynamic — thanks to new bumpers and headlights. The chassis and suspension system have also received some serious attention so the car remains fun to drive, even in the face of increasing competition

from the likes of Jaguar. The most noticeable change for 2015, however, will be found under the owner's right foot. That's because each of the three- four- and six-cylinder gas and four-cylinder diesel engines offered for the new car are new powerplants, with new levels of performance or efficiency, depending on whether economy or excitement is at the top of your list. AFP

Alpine to return to the road

REVIVAL

Relaunch may include SUV, sports car coupe concept

Renault Group president and CEO Carlos Ghosn has green-lit plans to revive the Alpine brand, with the first production model due to debut in late 2016. French magazine Challenges broke the news, which has been confirmed to the AFP.

According to Challenges, the CEO is willing to invest around \$812 million CDN to resurrect the car brand.

In June, the company could unveil a new sports car coupe concept at the Le Mans 24 Hours race in France, where an Alpine A450B will be among the competing vehicles.

The new concept is expected to resemble the famous A 110 "Berlinette" and is slated to go on sale in late 2016 for around \$40,600.

An SUV is also said to be in the works.

Founded in 1955 by Renault pilot and dealer Jean Rédélé, the Alpine brand was integrated into the Renault Group 10 years later.

Aside from being known for its road-going production cars (Alpine 110, 310, 610, and others), the brand earned a sterling reputation at the track, winning the World Constructors' Championship in 1973 and the Le Mans 24 Hours race in 1978. While the brand was discontinued in 1995, the Alpine name returned to the endurance racing circuit in 2013.

The expectations are high for this relaunch of the Alpine brand, following a previous failed attempt in partnership with Caterham.

Renault's catalogue will now include four distinct brands, each with a clearly defined target market: Dacia in the low-cost segment, Renault for the general consumer, Alpine in the sports car segment and Initial Paris for

the luxury market. AFP



The legendary Alpine A110 appears at a rally race in the '70s. RENAULT COMMUNICATION

PEUGEOT

Prototype shows speed

Step on the gas pedal and all it takes is 1.73 seconds to get your speed up to 100 km/h with the new Peugeot Vision Gran Turismo prototype unveiled recently for the Gran Turismo 6 video game.

The prototype attributes its rapid speed to a 1:1 power-to-weight ratio, weighing in at 875 kilograms and boasting 875 horsepower.

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the Gran Turismo

video game and this model is the result of game designer Kazunori Yamauchi's challenge to Peugeot automakers to create a commemorative car.

Peugeot designers and Peugeot Sport engineers joined forces to create the low-riding vehicle which stands 104 centimeters tall and is a sleek machine with barely any aerodynamic features, relying on its "body design alone" to "stick the car to the road." AFP

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Barcelona book final spot

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

German giants win on night but pay price for first leg loss

Neymar scored two goals and Barcelona did enough to advance to the Champions League final despite losing the second leg of its semifinal 3-2 to Bayern Munich on Tuesday.

Neymar's first-half goals made sure Barcelona went through 5-3 on aggregate following its 3-0 victory in the home leg last week.

Bayern managed a face-saving victory but has stumbled in the Champions League semifinals in both seasons under Pep Guardiola, the former, highly successful coach of Barcelona.

"We brought a good result to Munich but Bayern took the lead. That was not easy, but we reacted well," Barcelona coach Luis Enrique said. "We levelled and we created chances. The team was good and had the lead at halftime. The second half was physical, Bayern players fought and wanted to turn the game."



Barcelona's Brazilian forward Neymar scores past Bayern Munich's goalkeeper Manuel Neuer during the UEFA Champions League semifinal. Victors Barcelona progress to the final where they could meet arch rivals Real Madrid who play Juventus on Wednesday. AFP PHOTO/ODD ANDERSEN

Barcelona, a four-time winner of the title, with two of them coming under Guardiola, reached its eighth Champions League final. "It's a wonderful goal we reached," Luis Enrique said. He and Guardiola embraced after the match.

Bayern needed to score while keeping Barcelona's high-powered attack in check. Bayern scored early through Medhi Benatia to gain some hope, but Neymar replied quickly and Barcelona booked a place in the June 6 final in Berlin despite

second-half goals by Robert Lewandowski and Thomas Mueller for the home side.

Barcelona will play either Juventus or Real Madrid. Juventus leads 2-1 going into the Madrid leg of the semifinal on Wednesday.

SECOND LEG In Munich



BARCELONA WIN 5-3 ON AGGREGATE

The two matches against his former team were a bitter experience for Guardiola, whose Bayern side was also eliminated in last season's Champions League semifinals by eventual winner Real Madrid. Over four semifinal legs in his first two seasons in charge of Bayern, Guardiola's record is of three losses and only one win — the meaningless one on Tuesday.

Bayern, however, secured its second Bundesliga championship under Guardiola last month. "I am very proud of my players," Guardiola said. "And also big compliments to Barcelona, I hope they win the fifth title."

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IN BRIEF

Wizards happy injured Wall can now bounce ball

Washington guard John Wall took the next step in recovery from a fractured left hand and wrist: he dribbled.

The all-star missed the last three playoff games since suffering five non-displaced fractures in his left wrist and hand in Game 1 against Atlanta on May 3. Wall was unable to dribble with his left hand until Tuesday.

"He's moving in the right direction," Wizards coach Randy Wittman said. "The swelling is down again."

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Politician slams NFL over 'racist' Redskins name

Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid says the NFL is more concerned with air in footballs than the Washington Redskins' "racist" name.

Reid spoke on the Senate floor a day after the NFL suspended New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady for the first four games of the upcoming season for his role in a scheme to deflate footballs used in the AFC title game.

The Nevada senator said he wished commissioner Roger Goodell would act as swiftly to change a name that denigrates Native Americans as he did about "enough air in a football."

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Tanaka 'happy' to be back in the Yankees bullpen

New York Yankees pitcher Masahiro Tanaka has thrown his first bullpen session since going on the 15-day disabled list with a strained right forearm and tendinitis in his right wrist.

Tanaka still has no timetable for when he will return. Tanaka threw 30 pitches before Tuesday night's game against Tampa Bay.

"Happy about it," he said through a translator. "Threw everything. Didn't feel anything." When Tanaka went on the DL on April 29, general manager Brian Cashman said the Japanese ace would miss at least a month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WORLD SOCCER

Toure highlights game's racism problem as FIFA announce monitor plan

Manchester City midfielder Yaya Toure spoke of the anguish felt by footballers subjected to racism on Tuesday as FIFA committed to deploying observers at qualifying matches for the 2018 World Cup to uncover abuse.

The lack of such monitors at the World Cup in Brazil last year drew sharp criticism from one of FIFA's own vice-presidents, Jeffrey Webb, and there are ongoing concerns about football racism in 2018 host nation Russia.

Toure was targeted with chants by CSKA Moscow fans in a 2013 Champions League game in the Russian capital. The Ivory Coast midfielder previously warned that black players could boycott the World Cup, but he is

now trying to tackle the Russian problem as a member of FIFA's anti-discrimination task force.

"I have had monkey chants or abuse — it's difficult to deal with that," Toure said at Wembley Stadium, where FIFA announced its plans for racism monitors. "As a sportsman you want to finish the game but when you hear that it hurts you."

Referees can stop games if they hear racist abuse, but they rarely do. Likewise, FIFA highlights its ability to throw teams out of competitions but only imposes fines or stadium bans.

"You have to take real sanctions, something has to be done strongly," Toure said. "Paying a 20,000 (euro) fine is not enough, you need to do more."

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

FIFA willful in World Cup turf war

Soccer's international governing body says it rejected informal offers it received to lay down real grass for the Women's World Cup in part because the proposals didn't include the practice fields.

In a statement Monday, FIFA maintains that the artificial turf that will be used for the upcoming event in Canada meets its highest standards. Regulations stipulate that teams play and train on a consistent surface.

The artificial turf fields that will be used in the World Cup have been a contentious issue with some of the players, who say forcing the women to play on fake grass amounts to gender discrimination because their male counterparts play soccer's premier tournament on natural grass. Players — both male and female — have long claimed that artificial surfaces are less forgiving

"The proposals (of the grass companies) were for the official stadia only and not training sites."

FIFA statement

than natural grass and impact play because of concerns about injury. They also say balls travel and bounce differently on turf.

U.S. forward Abby Wambach has been a vocal critic of FIFA's decision, and last fall led a group of players who took legal action in Canada in protest of the artificial surface. The claim was dropped earlier this year when the players decided it was best to

focus on preparing for the World Cup, which starts on June 6. The month-long event will be played on artificial turf fields in six Canadian cities. Wambach said last week that there were offers to lay down grass for the tournament for free, prompting FIFA's response. The governing body, based in Zurich, maintained that Canada's bid for the event included the artificial turf, which FIFA accepted on the condition it met competition standards.

"The contact (with the natural grass companies) was informal and didn't include any range of price for any service," FIFA said in the statement Monday. "The proposals were for the official stadia only and not for the various training sites to allow the players to train on a consistent surface through the tournament."

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- 1 1/2 tsp minced garlic
- Salt and pepper
- 1/2 cup grated old cheddar
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- 1/4 cup light ranch dressing or low fat mayonnaise
- 12 thin slices plum tomato

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1. In a bowl combine chicken,

bread crumbs, onions, cilantro, egg, Sriracha, oil, garlic, salt and pepper. Mix well and form into 12 mini burgers.

2. In a grill or sauté pan, sprayed with vegetable oil, cook burgers on medium heat for about 10 minutes, turning halfway, just until cooked and no longer pink. Sprinkle cheese over top, cover pan and cook just until cheese has melted, about 2 minutes.

3. On hamburger bun bottom, spread some ranch dressing. Add tomato slice and burger. Top with other half of bun.

Nutrition per serving (recipe serves 12)

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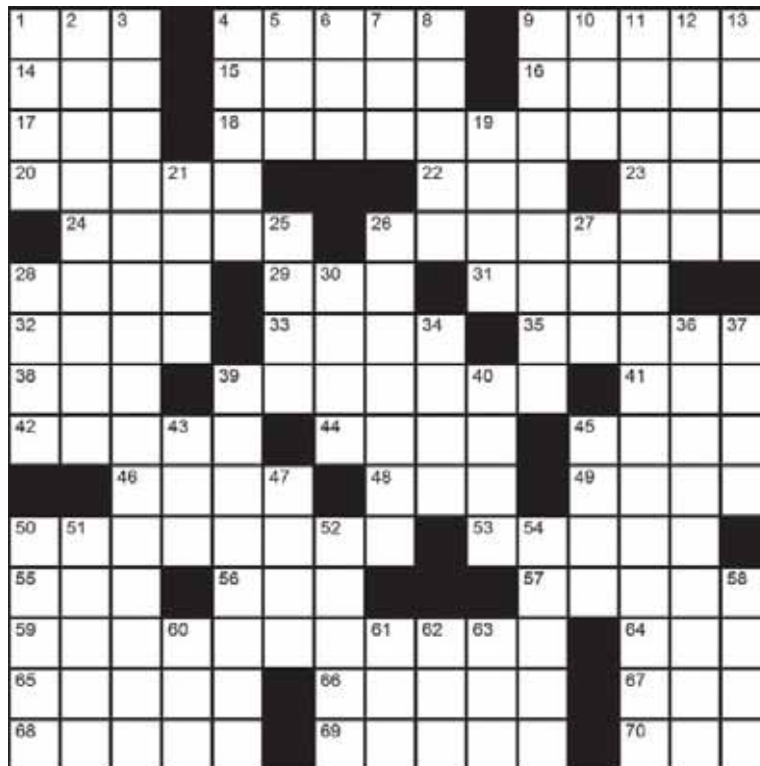
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. 'Ghoul' suffix
4. Surveying-a-neighborhood burglar
9. "Understood."
14. Your, in Italy
15. Thwart
16. Sidestep
17. Canada's dance music channel shutting down effective June 1st, 2015
18. Country retreat style: 2 wds.
20. Army vehicles
22. NFL Falcons, on scoreboards
23. Sale slip, shortly
24. Alarm clock responder
26. Hosted by Graham Greene and airing on APTN, series featuring dramatic recreations of hard to crack criminal cases, "___: Secrets of Forensic Science"
28. Fine cotton
29. Period
31. Snick-or-__
32. Workout units
33. God
35. French pronouns
38. Particular pronoun
39. Products by Meductic, NB based company SABIAN
41. Itemized thing [abbr.]
42. Soup base
44. Cougar
45. Le Pew
46. Serum container
48. Hideaway
49. Radiate
50. Bar's bowl of crunchy snacks:



- 2 wds.
53. Racecar driver Mr. Franchitti
55. Strong-__
56. Laboratory ID
57. Travis of Global TV's "Rookie Blue"
59. Self-employed writers
64. Chap

65. Weight unit
66. Baby Roo's mom
67. __-booster
68. Adjust
69. Muscle cramp
70. Sleep state, commonly

DOWN

1. Q. "Was __ _"

- and the Bear' that Greg Evigan starred on?" A. "Yes."
2. A Great Lake ...en francais
3. '90s sitcom (starring Tim Allen) on Pamela Anderson's resume: 2 wds.
4. Discontinue

5. Furry TV alien
6. On: French
7. Author Ms. LeShan
8. Real estate company
9. 'Absolute Torch and Twang': 1989 k.d. lang and The __ album
10. Eggs, sci-

- ence-style
11. Vancouver-born actress of "Corner Gas" and "Robson Arms": 2 wds.
12. Proclamation
13. Hertz __ -Car
19. Shakespear-ean suffixes
21. Health/safety messages, e.g.
25. Depend on
26. Music listening device attachments
27. Opera singing style, __ canto
28. Likely, little-ly
30. Play
34. Judi Dench's title
36. Clandestine pursuit
37. Leave in, in proofreading
39. Gaspé Peninsula town in Quebec; or, "Friends" role
40. Ground
43. __ a l'arc (French for 'archery')
45. Actress Ms. Gilpin
47. Roman moon goddess
50. UK acting honour
51. Mr. Flynn
52. Pet fish homes
54. "I __ _" (2001) starring Sean Penn
58. Ancient Dead Sea land
60. Compass point
61. Hat
62. Disney deer
63. Ron Weasley in 'Harry Potter' movies
- portrayed ... his initials-sharers

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You have been in one place too long and need to make your escape. The only danger is that in your haste to get away you may go off in a direction that is not at all suitable.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You could easily spend too much money today and in doing so damage your reputation for thrift and common sense. Just because others are throwing their cash around does not mean you have to as well.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
The planets warn you could easily go over the top and offend or annoy someone you really need to stay on good terms with. Don't let that stop you taking risks but make sure others don't end up paying for your mistakes.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Don't sell your services too cheap. Just because someone may be short of cash does not mean you should lower your prices for them. A job worth doing is a job worth getting paid the going rate for.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Creative activities will go well over the next 24 hours and they will go even better if you don't try to do everything yourself. Get friends and relatives to assist you.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Play it cool today and don't worry that others may be doing better or getting paid more than you. It is always a mistake to compare yourself to colleagues and rivals and it would be even more of a mistake today.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Ideas will come thick and fast today but to make the most of them you will have to be selective. You won't get far if you try to follow up on each and every one of them. Do less, or think less!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
According to the planets there is something you have overlooked and if you want to avoid making a fool of yourself you need to find out what it is and take appropriate action.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You feel there is nothing you cannot do. You feel that nothing is too much for you. That could be true but with Mars moving through your opposite sign you must take into account what other people want too.

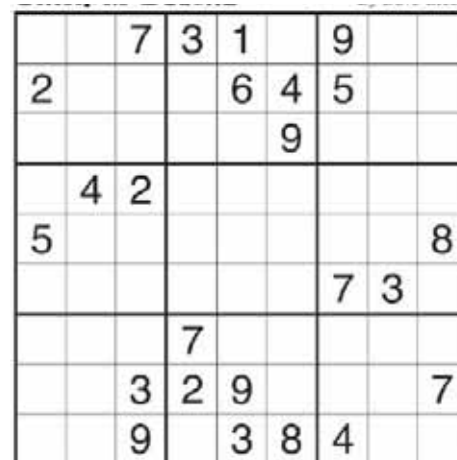
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may be considering giving up on a project that appears to have run its course, but something will happen over the next few days that makes you think again.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You can quite easily turn a setback into something more positive, simply by asking other people to help you out. What looks like a disaster to you may look quite different to them, so ask them what they see and act on what they tell you.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You will make more progress between now and the Sun's change of signs on the 21st if you keep to the middle path and avoid extremes.

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